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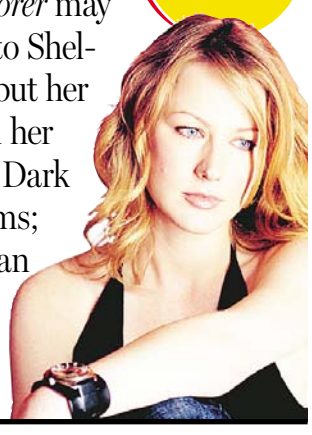

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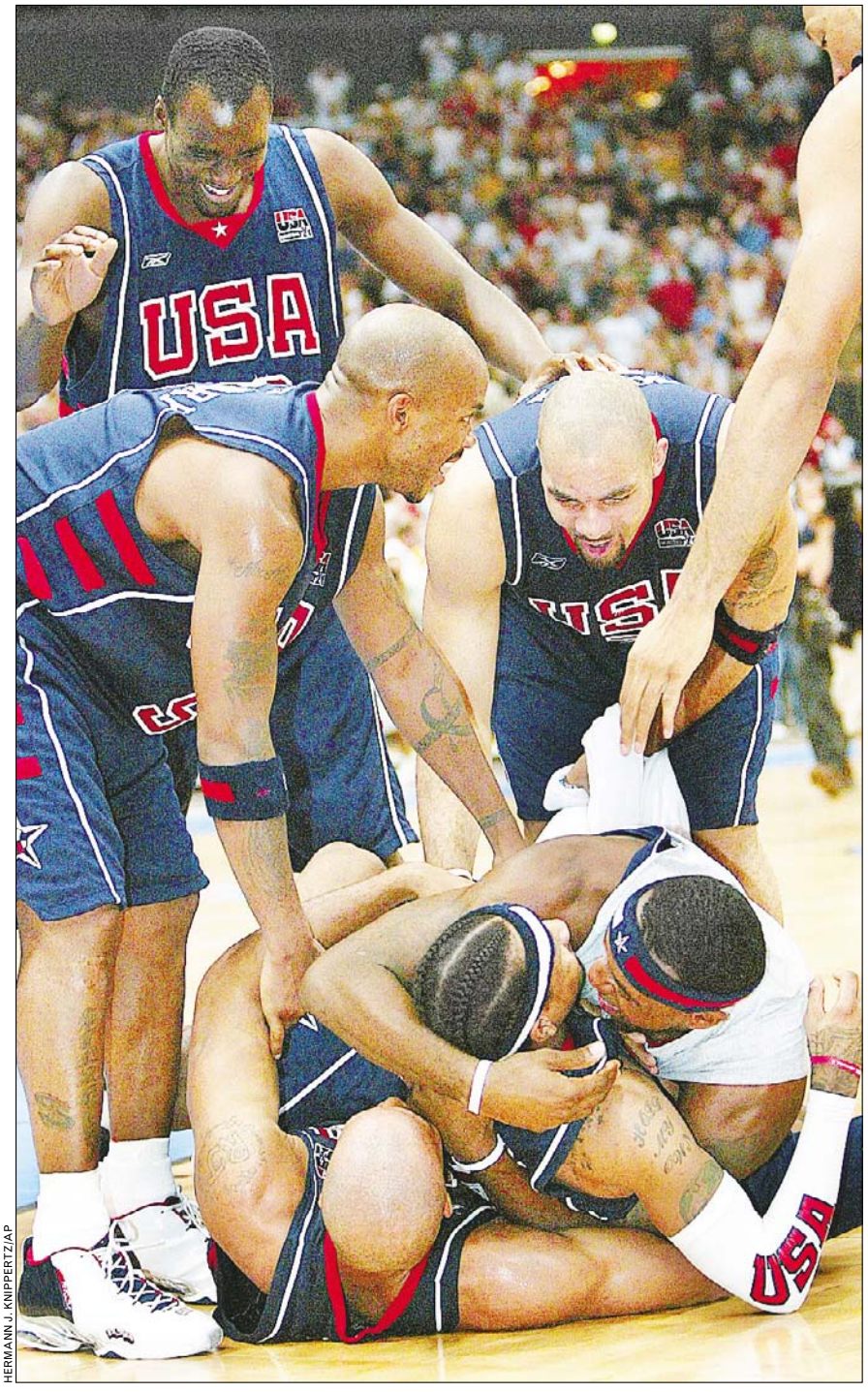

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FLOORED: Team USA members pile on guard Allen Iverson after his last-second 3-pointer gave them an 80-77 victory over Germany in a pre-Olympics exhibition game on Wednesday, one day after losing 95-78 to unheralded Italy. ✣ **Close call:** The U.S. looks shaky in victory | Page 25

7 Charged In Brazen Robberies

Heavy weapons, bold tactics used in D.C.-area bank heists

WASHINGTON | Seven suspects have been indicted in connection with a series of brazen bank robberies in the region, authorities said Wednesday.

Police also identified an eighth person wanted in connection with the heists, who is being held out-of-state on unrelated charges.

"These heavily armed defendants were a menace to the D.C. metropolitan area," said U.S. Attorney Kenneth L. Wainstein. According to court documents, the men bought bandanas, hoods, masks and body armor used in four robberies in the District of Columbia and two in Prince George's County, Md. The holdups netted $361,000 since late January.

The indictments, returned Tuesday, were issued against five suspects already in custody. Two others were arrested in raids conducted by federal and local agents on Wednesday.

The men allegedly planned and executed the robberies after conducting surveillance. The suspects entered the banks quickly, subdued staff and customers with a massive show of firepower and exited quickly with the cash.

The final robbery was caught on video by a local news cameraman who was nearby to tape an unrelated story. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

COURTESY FOX 5 NEWS/WTTG

A robber is videotaped leaving a D.C. bank in June.

HOT COCOA | **You're the Marshmallow** An Austrian health spa is giving chocolate lovers a chance to take the ultimate plunge. Bad Eisenkappel, in the southwestern Austrian province of Carinthia, is drawing dozens of visitors with a tasty new "treatment" — a relaxing soak in a tub filled with melted chocolate. Spa cosmetologists claim the warm chocolate baths have restorative properties that include helping to prevent the development wrinkles. **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

eyeOpeners

WANT SOME POT, OFFICER? It didn't take undercover agents to nab an alleged drug dealer in Mount Sterling, Ohio. William McCrary, 30, was charged with selling drugs to a uniformed officer in his marked cruiser, police said. He had been led to believe the officer had a pot habit. (AP)

CHAIWAT SUBPRASOM/REUTERS

ANIMAL WATCH

Knocked Out

A Thai zoo has been forced to halt orangutan boxing matches as police investigate allegations that the animals were illegally smuggled from Indonesia, a spokeswoman and police said Wednesday. Police have been investigating the Safari World animal park near Bangkok since November after receiving complaints that it was keeping protected species without a permit. Some of the zoo's 115 orangutans have been trained to perform traditional Thai kickboxing onstage for tourists. The maximum penalty is four years in prison and a fine of 40,000 baht, or $1,000. (AP)

OBSCENITY

Nothing More Than Feelings

Letting a judge know exactly how you feel may not be such a good idea. Jeffrey Gast of Valparaiso, Ind., was cited for contempt of court Monday after writing obscene messages to the judge on legal papers and mailing the documents back to the court. Gast says he figured the judge would just toss his scrawlings in the trash. But the judge sentenced him to a week in jail. However, the judge says he'll consider releasing Gast early if he writes a letter of apology. (AP)

SIGHTINGS

From the Murky Deep

Five vacationers from Maryland claim they've seen Champ, the mythical monster of New York's Lake Champlain. Bob Gload and four of his grandchildren said they saw a dark, black, snakelike creature while bass fishing Wednesday afternoon. Gload said there was an "explosion" in the water, and then he saw three humps, two-to-three-feet tall, four-to-five feet apart. "I was born in Champlain. I never believed in Champ or the Loch Ness monster," Gload told the Press-Republican of Plattsburgh. "I believe now." (AP)

RECORDS

Hung Out to Dry

Volunteers in Jakarta, Indonesia, all came out for the wash on Wednesday — and attempted to set a world record. Dozens of people came together — along with more than 22,000 items of clothing — to create what organizers claim is the longest clothesline in the world. The promotion, sponsored by a laundry detergent company, made use of 2 1/2 miles of clothesline for participants' drying delight. Organizers said the clothing used in the event will be donated to charity. (EXPRESS)

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MOM'S ADVICE: First lady Laura Bush gave daughter Jenna some guidance after photographers caught her sticking out her tongue at the press in July. Her advice? "Maybe you should work on your issues of impulsiveness or something," Bush recalled on CBS' "The Early Show." (AP)

Nation

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Terror Threat Corroborated By Third Prisoner, U.S. Says

The Bush administration learned from an imprisoned terror suspect, separately from the documents and two prisoners named this week, that al Qaeda was plotting to attack U.S. financial buildings, officials said Wednesday, rejecting criticism that the latest terror warning was overblown. The corroborating information did not specify targets or say when an attack might be planned, the official said. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Airline Executives Warned To Ease O'Hare Flight Delays

Federal Aviation Administration chief Marion Blakey told airline executives Wednesday that if they won't voluntarily reduce flight schedules at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, the government will do it for them. Only 67 percent of flights arrive there on-time. The FAA tries to achieve a systemwide on-time performance of 82 percent. (AP)

GIG HARBOR, WASH.

Ex-Student Wants to Reunite With Sex Offender Teacher

Mary Kay Letourneau, the teacher convicted for having sex with a sixth-grade student, was released from prison Wednesday, and her 21-year-old victim quickly sought to get back together with her. Vili Fualaau is challenging a court order that bars Letourneau from contacting him as part of her child rape sentence. (AP)

Campaigns Cross in Iowa

Bush, Kerry stump for votes at close quarters in battleground state

DAVENPORT, IOWA | President Bush and Sen. John Kerry clashed at close quarters along the banks of the Mississippi River on Wednesday, the Republican incumbent pledging to "spread ownership and opportunity" if re-elected while his Democratic challenger campaigned as a fiscal conservative able and eager to fix the economy.

Both men reached out to independent and crossover votes in late morning appearances three blocks apart that made one small city ground zero in their close, cross-country campaign for the White House.

"Don't overlook discerning Democrats and wise independents," Bush urged GOP activists attending an outdoor rally and eager to register new voters for the November election.

"I have to tell you that I think labels are very misleading. You've got to look at what people fight for and what they do," Kerry said.

Bush lost Iowa to Al Gore by 4,144 votes in 2000 — and Scott County around Davenport narrowly as well — and wants the state in his column come November.

So does Kerry, whose path to victory calls for holding all states that voted for the Democratic ticket in the last election while adding some that went the other way.

NEDRA PICKLER (AP)

MIKE SEGAR/REUTERS

CRITICAL VOTES: Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry stops to greet a group of supporters after attending a meeting in Davenport, Iowa, on Wednesday.

Midwest meeting: Bush and Kerry trade barbs within blocks in Iowa | **Today's Washington Post, A Section**

N.Y. Ferry Pilot Enters Guilty Plea

NEW YORK | A Staten Island ferry pilot pleaded guilty to manslaughter charges Wednesday in a crash that killed 11 commuters last October, acknowledging that he passed out at the helm after arriving at work with medication in his system.

Richard Smith made his plea hours before authorities released an indictment charging New York's director of ferries with manslaughter for allegedly running a system so slipshod that it was "a tragedy waiting to happen," prosecutors said.

The plea and indictments followed a 10-month investigation in the case. The Oct. 15 crash occurred when the Andrew J. Barberi ferry drifted off course and slammed into a concrete maintenance pier in one of the worst mass transit disasters in New York's history.

Smith, 55, could be sentenced to more than three years in prison under federal guidelines. (AP)

NTSB/AP

The Andrew J. Barberi ferry slammed into a maintenance pier in October 2003.

3 Britons Allege Abuse at Guantanamo

NEW YORK | Three Britons freed from Guantanamo Bay claim they suffered systematic brutality and were kept in cages in the sweltering Cuban heat during their detention at the U.S. military base.

In a report released by their lawyers Wednesday, the men say the brutal treatment forced them to make false confessions.

Asif Iqbal, Ruhal Ahmed and Shafiq Rasul were detained in Afghanistan in 2001 and released from the U.S. facility in March.

Maj. Michael Shavers, a Pentagon spokesman, said U.S. policy condemns abuse of detainees. He declined to address specific allegations or say whether any had been, or would be, investigated.

The men describe repeated beatings throughout their detentions. At Guantanamo, they say other prisoners were subjected to treatment similar to the abuse later uncovered at Abu Ghraib in Iraq. (AP)

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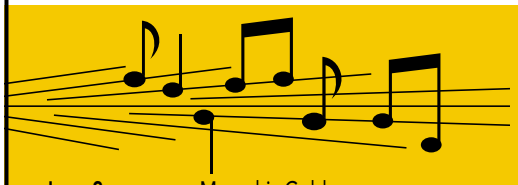

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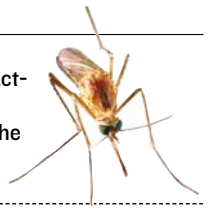
BUGS BITE: Scientists say mosquitoes are highly attracted to one in every 10 people — so chemists are working to discover which of the more than 1,000 chemicals on the human skin attract and which repel the biting insects.



Patience Urged on Reforms

Intel officials caution Congress on moving too fast on 9/11 advice

WASHINGTON | Intelligence officials said Wednesday their organizations have made strides since the Sept. 11 attacks, and they joined former government officials in cautioning Congress against moving too far or fast in the name of intelligence reform.

Responding to the Sept. 11 Commission's finding that officials lacked imagination in preventing terrorist attacks, CIA Deputy Director Jami Miscik said the agency has even consulted with science fiction writers and Hollywood producers to get fresh ideas.

Miscik and other top CIA, FBI and State Department officials and think-tank analysts appeared at a rare public hearing by the House Intelligence Committee.

DENNIS COOK/AP

Officials and analysts including John Hamre, left, Michael O'Hanlon, center, and William Odom testify Wednesday.

The officials generally said they don't oppose some changes, but the reforms should be based on the work of intelligence work today — not on problems that existed before Sept.11, 2001.

Former Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre said the commission examined only problems surrounding the Sept. 11 attacks, notably intelligence agencies' failure to connect clues that might have led to discovery of the plot.

Hamre and former National Security Agency Director William E. Odom expressed doubts about the proposed national intelligence director position. Hamre said he feared it would be poorly implemented and Odom said the commission's proposals could "cause far more problems than they will solve. " KEN GUGGENHEIM (AP)

TIGER RESCUE | READY TO RUN

ERIC GAY/AP

BEHIND BARS: Workers help move a rescued Bengal tiger to its new home — an enclosed two-acre natural area — at the Wild Animal Orphanage in San Antonio, Texas, on Wednesday. The animal is one of 24 tigers rescued last year from squalid conditions in a New Jersey suburb.

Judge 'Resigns' on TV to End Standoff

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. | A judge pretended to resign on live television Wednesday to end a standoff in which a man armed with a gun and bomb held an attorney hostage, authorities said.

Duval County Judge Sharon Tanner, who authorities said had handled a case involving the unidentified gunman, gave the bogus resignation on camera as local television stations were covering the hostage incident live.

The attorney was freed unharmed and the gunman, who had demanded the judge's resignation, surrendered shortly afterward, Sheriff John Rutherford said. (AP)

Accuser of Bryant at a Crossroads

Lawyers say woman is weighing whether to press criminal case

DENVER | The woman who accused Kobe Bryant of rape will have to discuss with prosecutors whether she will go ahead with the criminal case because she fears the release of court documents about her sex life threatens her chance of getting a fair hearing, one of her lawyers said Wednesday.

John Clune said his 20-year-old client will have to talk to prosecutors soon about that and will also consider whether to file a civil suit against the NBA star.

Bryant is scheduled to go on trial Aug. 27 in Eagle, Colo.

Prosecutors have been in constant contact with the accuser and her lawyers throughout the case and were told the woman would still participate even after the release of the documents, district attorney's spokeswoman Krista Flannigan said Wednesday. (AP)

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World

ORDINARY DAY: Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat turned 75 on Wednesday. He spent the day as usual — hunkered down behind sandbags in the shell-pocked compound in the West Bank city of Ramallah where Israel has confined him for more than two years. (AP)

Fallujah Raid Frees Hostages

Tribal leader in hostile city helps free Jordanians

BAGHDAD | In an extraordinary assault, gunmen in the city of Fallujah stormed a kidnappers' lair and forced the militants inside to flee, freeing four Jordanian truck drivers held captive, local officials said Wednesday.

The raid, in a city that has long been hostile to the U.S. military and supportive of Saddam Hussein, marked the first time local gunmen had broken hostages out of captivity.

Militants have turned to kidnapping in recent weeks, snatching truckers driving the dangerous route near Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad. The four Jordanians were seized last week along a highway near the city, said Ahmad Abu-Jaafar, one of the freed drivers.

U.S. Marines had pulled back from Fallujah after besieging the city for three weeks in April, leaving it in the hands of the Fallujah Brigade, commanded by officers from Saddam's former army.

Sheik Haj Ibrahim Jassam, a tribal leader, said he received word Tuesday that the men were being held in a house on the edge of the city. Local leaders gathered together armed residents, who raided the house, freeing the hostages and chasing out the kidnappers, he said.

The four were taken back to Jassam's house and handed over to Jordanian officials, a Jordanian Foreign Ministry official said. (AP)

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

➜ **A series of battles** between Iraqi authorities and insurgents in the city of Mosul killed 14 civilians and eight insurgents, the U.S. military said. Iraqi authorities clamped a curfew on the area and sealed off bridges into the city to restore order.

➜ **Kidnappers freed** two Turkish truck drivers, Turkish officials said Wednesday. In a video broadcast on Al-Jazeera, the militants said they were freeing the men because their company had promised not to haul any more goods to the U.S. military.

ABD RAOUF/AP

More than 100,000 Sudanese march to the U.N. envoy's office in Khartoum on Wednesday to protest the U.N. Security Council resolution passed on Friday.

100,000 Fill Khartoum's Streets to Protest U.N.

State-backed march organized in response to threat of sanctions

KHARTOUM, SUDAN | More than 100,000 people staged a state-organized protest Wednesday against a U.N. Security Council resolution that gives Sudan 30 days to stop Arab militia violence in the western region of Darfur or face economic and diplomatic penalties.

The protesters delivered a memorandum to the U.N. envoy's office in Khartoum demanding U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan retract his "misleading" remarks about Darfur or resign.

The United Nations accuses the pro-government Arab militia of waging a brutal campaign to drive Sudanese citizens of African origin out of Darfur, which borders Chad. The 17-month conflict has killed 30,000 people and forced a million from their homes.

Protesters also warned that Sudan could become a battlefield like Afghanistan or Iraq if foreign military forces intervene.

"Targeting Sudan means you will fall into a third swamp, after Afghanistan and Iraq," said a senior member of the ruling party, Mohammed Ali Abdullah. "There are lions here in Sudan who would like to confront the Americans." (AP)

Pakistan Says S. Africa Attack Plot Uncovered

Captured suspects had plans to strike tourist areas, officials claim

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Two South Africans captured along with a senior al Qaeda leader were plotting attacks on tourist sites in their home country, Pakistani officials said Wednesday, a surprising target for Islamic terrorism given the African nation's vocal stand against the war in Iraq and Israel's treatment of Palestinians.

South African officials cast doubt on reports of a terror plot, though this past spring a top South African police official indicated that authorities foiled plans to attack the country during its April 14 elections.

The two men are believed to have arrived in Pakistan on a flight from the United Arab Emirates just days before their July 25 arrest, which followed a 12-hour gunbattle in the eastern city of Gujrat. They greeted police with curses and promised an unending battle against President Bush and anyone who supports him, according to a senior police official.

Gujrat Police Chief Raja Munawar Hussain told The Associated Press that authorities found several maps of South African cities among the items seized after the raid, which also netted Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, a Tanzanian with a $25 million bounty on his head for the bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998.

PAUL HAVEN (AP)

Piqued: S. Africa's cabinet expressed "outrage at the manner in which these matters have been aired, without any credible substantiation" | Today's Post: Section A

2 Afghans Working for Aid Agency Killed

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | Gunmen fired on a car carrying two Afghans from a German relief agency in a former Taliban stronghold, officials said Wednesday, killing them both in another setback to efforts to bring help to long-suffering Afghans.

The aid workers were working on a project run by the Malteser aid agency in Paktia, 75 miles south of Kabul. The German group suspended its activities in the region.

It was not immediately clear who carried out the attack. But civilians have been increasingly targeted in a wave of violence that has left more than 700 people dead this year, including 24 aid workers killed in attacks blamed mainly on Taliban militants. (AP)

In Brief

GREECE

Homemade Bomb Explodes Near Substation; No Injuries

A small homemade bomb exploded Wednesday near an electricity substation in Metamorfosi, some 6 miles north of Athens, causing minor damage and no injuries, police said. A government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, described the incident as "very minor." Security has been tightened around Athens ahead of the Aug. 13-29 Olympics. (AP)

FRANCE

4 Former Gitmo Detainees Ordered to Stay in Prison

Four French prisoners who were locked up for more than two years at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, must stay behind bars pending trial at home, a French court ruled Wednesday. The four men, who were returned to France from the U.S. military prison on July 27, are under investigation for "criminal association with a terrorist enterprise." (AP)

SOUTH ASIA

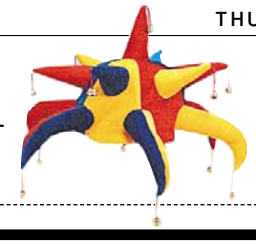
Flood Toll in India Hits 1,000

The death toll from monsoon flooding in India crossed 1,000 Wednesday with reports that 165 more people had been killed by the rains. Weather officials predicted heavy rains in northern and western India over the coming week. The toll across South Asia reached 1,823, according to official figures compiled by The Associated Press. (AP)

PAVEL RAHMAN/AP

Flood victims stand in line Wednesday to receive food in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

REVIVALS: English Heritage, guardian of various historic sites in Britain, is advertising in the Times of London for a court jester, the nation's first since 1649. The requirements: "Must be mirthful ... Must have own outfit (with bells)." Auditions will be held Saturday in Warwickshire. (AP)



U.S. Experts Aid Probe of Paraguay Fire

ASUNCION, PARAGUAY | A forensic team that included U.S. experts examined the charred interior of a Paraguayan supermarket Wednesday to determine the cause of a weekend blaze that killed more than 400 people, many of whom were trapped inside by locked doors.

Meanwhile, Interior Minister Orlando Fiorott said the investigation "clearly points" to a gas leak that ignited. He said that it didn't look as if Sunday's blaze had been intentionally set, but cautioned that the findings were preliminary.

The death toll was revised to 426 on Wednesday, down from 464 a day earlier; 520 people remained hospitalized.

Officials charged a co-owner of the supermarket and four others with manslaughter Tuesday after a security guard said he was ordered to lock the doors to prevent people from stealing. (AP)

GIBRALTAR | LOYAL SUBJECTS

ANTON WERES/REUTERS

COLONIAL ROCK: Residents of Gibraltar make a human chain at the British colony's airport Wednesday to celebrate 300 years of British rule. Meanwhile, neighboring Spain — which lost Gibraltar to the British in 1704 and has long sought to recover it — fumed over the presence of British Defense Minister Geoffrey Hoon at Wednesday's celebrations, calling it an unfriendly gesture.

French Grieve Loss Of Cartier-Bresson

Tributes pour in after death of pioneering photojournalist at 95

PARIS | Henri Cartier-Bresson, the Frenchman whose early dabblings with a Brownie box camera blossomed into a celebrated lifetime of traveling the world to capture the human drama, has died at age 95.

Cartier-Bresson

From Mahatma Gandhi's funeral to portraits of Chinese revolutionaries, Cartier-Bresson was a pioneer in photojournalism whose pictures defined the mid-20th century and inspired generations of photographers.

A statement from his family and Magnum, the ground-breaking photo agency that Cartier-Bresson co-founded with Robert Capa and David Seymour, said he died Tuesday morning at his home in the southwestern Luberon region, and funeral services were held privately Wednesday.

"The world of photojournalism has lost its soul," Goksin Sipahioglu, the founder of Sipa photo agency, told France-Info radio.

Most of Cartier-Bresson's fame was generated from publication in leading magazines like Life, Vogue and Harper's Bazaar. Critics said his most brilliant photograph was "Behind the Gare Saint-Lazare," of a man leaping over a puddle and frozen in mid-air.

"Rue Mouffetard," a poignant shot of a grinning youngster carrying two bottles of wine down the Left Bank market street, became one of his most sought-after photos. JOCELYN GLECKER (AP)

The world according to Henri: A selection of Cartier-Bresson photos, on **washingtonpost.com/cameraworks**

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Casino Backers to Appeal

Group seeks reversal of decision throwing out many signatures

WASHINGTON | Proponents of an initiative to put the legalization of slot machines in the District on the November ballot said Wednesday they would appeal a decision by the D.C. elections board to throw out thousands of signatures that were gathered in support of the measure.

Businessman Pedro Alfonso, chairman of the committee behind the casino effort, noted the initiative would probably fall short of the 17,599 valid signatures of registered D.C. voters needed to get the proposal on the Nov. 2 ballot and may not meet the requirement of having signatures from 5 percent of voters in each of the District's eight wards.

"Our intent is to file an appeal and to do so by. . . Friday," Alfonso said. An appeal would be heard by the D.C. Court of Appeals.

The D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics on Monday tossed out a large segment of the more than 56,000 signatures gathered, saying workers in a frenetic five-day petition drive last month illegally misrepresented the gambling initiative as a harbinger of jobs, improved public schools and better health care.

Activists who have spent the past two months working to block the initiative were pleased with Tuesday's decision. Given the board's broad condemnation of the signature-gathering process, they said Tuesday, they are confident that the initiative will not survive. LORI MONTGOMERY AND SERGE F. KOVALESKI (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Mayor Fights More Street Closings

WASHINGTON | With one street already closed by federal authorities — and the possibility of restricting traffic on another — city officials are worrying about the potential impact on the city's economy.

Mayor Anthony A. Williams said Wednesday that talk of restricting truck traffic along 15th Street near the White House, and expanding a security zone to include part of Pennsylvania Avenue west of the U.S. Capitol, may be premature.

He said the Capitol's value as a symbol of an open society is diminished as access becomes more limited due to terrorism concerns.

Since the 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building, the U.S. Secret Service, the U.S. Capitol Police and other federal agencies have cited security concerns for restricting access to several downtown streets. This week's elevated Code Orange terrorism alert renewed talk of expanding a truck ban along 17th Street to include 15th Street.

"If we start closing down streets one after another, after another, it is definitely going to have a dampening effect on the economy," said Williams. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

SUSAN BIDDLE/TWP

Unless J.P. Szymkowicz is successful, anyone who parks near FedEx Field in Landover, Md., will have to take a shuttle — as these people did — to Redskins games.

Redskins Fan Seeks Right to Walk to Games

WASHINGTON | A Washington Redskins fan is going to bat for ticketholders who want to park for free and walk to the games.

J.P. Szymkowicz filed an appeal Wednesday with the Prince George's County Board of Appeals of a county agency decision to close streets near FedEx Field to pedestrians on game days.

"The roads aren't the Redskins' roads. These are roads that the taxpayers of the state of Maryland paid for," he told The Associated Press. Szymkowicz pointed to Camden Yards in Baltimore and Chicago's Soldier Field as places where there are plenty of cars — yet fans can still walk to the ballpark.

While he agrees there's a compelling interest in protecting public safety, Szymkowicz contends the county overreacted. "A simple fence placed between the sidewalk and the road will do the job," he said.

Authorities in recent years have clamped down on pedestrian access to FedEx Field. Fans are directed to distant parking lots charging $25. Shuttle buses run between the lots and the stadium. MICHAEL W. KAHN (AP)

Cold Water Kills Thousands of Fish

OCEAN CITY, MD. | A surge of cold water generated from an offshore current killed nearly a million adult Atlantic croaker, leaving maintenance crews at local resorts with their hands full of carcasses to clean up.

Ocean City's town Manager Dennis Dare said employees picked up about 100 dead croakers on Sunday, about 500 on Monday and "a whole lot more" on Tuesday.

The Maryland Department of Environment attributed the cause of the deaths to a sudden temperature drop in the water. No other species of fish or marine animals are believed to have been affected by exposure to the cold water temperatures, and tests for harmful algae blooms and bacteria have come up negative, according to spokesman Richard McIntire.

"They were probably swimming in water temperature around the 60 degrees," he said. "Then it got down to the 40s. They couldn't handle the rapid temperature drop." (AP)

Local

MICHAELE WHITE/AP

BIG CHECK: Virginia Lottery Director Penelope Kyle presents a $400 million ceremonial check to Gov. Mark Warner in Richmond at Wednesday's announcement.

Va. Cashes In On Lottery Sales

$400 million profit to go to commonwealth's public school system

RICHMOND, VA. | The Virginia Lottery turned a record profit for the third consecutive year, topping $400 million for the first time since the lottery's inception 16 years ago, officials announced Wednesday.

Penelope W. Kyle, the lottery's executive director, presented a large ceremonial check for $408 million to Gov. Mark R. Warner at a news conference at lottery headquarters. The Virginia Constitution requires the state to use the money for public schools.

The profit for the fiscal year that ended June 30 was 8.8 percent greater than the previous high mark of $375.2 million established a year ago. Sales increased 11.1 percent to a record $1.26 billion, the lottery said.

The agency's profit easily surpassed the $385 million it had projected for state budget purposes. Warner noted that the additional $23 million will not be added to the state's $13 million year-end surplus but will go directly to public elementary and secondary schools.

LARRY O'DELL (AP)

The Lotteries

Wednesday, Aug. 4

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Evening Lucky Numbers	5-3-5
Mid-day DC 4	5-3-6-9
Evening DC 4	2-4-6-6
Quick Cash	25-10-28-16-13-9
Hot Five	21-18-12-28-17

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	1-7-3
Evening Pick 3	1-3-8
Mid-day Pick 4	1-4-2-7
Evening Pick 4	9-7-9-0
Match 5	8-14-15-31-37 Bonus: 34

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	0-6-9
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	7-7-5
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	9-1-6-5
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	8-1-2-8
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	4-9-20-24-25
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	8-13-15-19-30

MULTI-STATE GAMES	
Mega Millions (Tues.)	1-2-13-16-22
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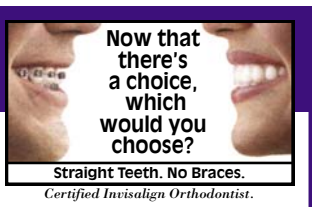

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Money

TALL ORDER: While Toyota sold just 53,293 hybrid vehicles worldwide in 2003, the company's president said Wednesday it plans to sell 300,000 by the end of 2005. The only hybrids available in the U.S. are Toyota's Prius and two cars made by Honda. (AP)

Oil Prices Decline Sharply

Russia's Yukos signals it may stay afloat; U.S. says supply solid

WASHINGTON | Oil prices made a sharp retreat Wednesday as concerns about an immediate loss of supply from Russia abated and gasoline supplies in the United States increased.

Light crude fell $1.32 to $42.83 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. On Tuesday, Nymex crude futures settled at $44.15, the highest close since such trading started on the Nymex in 1983.

Russian oil giant Yukos said Wednesday that the government will allow it to use its bank accounts to "continue financing production activities." The move could help the beleaguered company, which pumps roughly 2 percent of the world's oil, stay afloat for now despite the $3.5 billion in back taxes it owes.

"This is really good news and it comes at a time when the market needed really good news," said Phil Flynn, an analyst at Alaron Trading Corp. in Chicago.

Oil prices have risen in recent weeks due to the uncertainty surrounding Yukos as well as on concerns about the reliability of crude supplies from Iraq, where saboteurs have attacked pipelines and disrupted exports, and on fears of terrorist attacks in the United States.

On Wednesday, the Energy Department said the supply of commercially available gasoline rose by 2.4 million barrels last week, reaching a historically comfortable level for this time of year. Motor fuel supplies are now 4 percent higher than last year at 210.1 million barrels.

Still, traders said geopolitical instability and strong demand would keep global crude markets tense. BRAD FOSS (AP)

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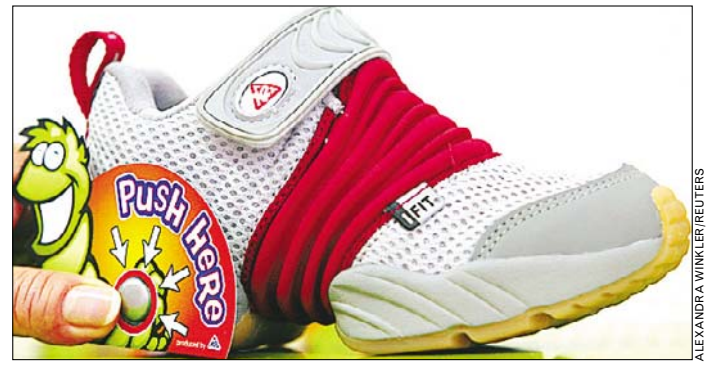

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GROWTH SPURT: U.S. sportswear maker K2's "Max the Worm" kids' shoe expands to accommodate quickly growing feet. The shoes are being tested on German shoppers, the company said this week. A pair sells for about $60.

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New Drug to Treat Depression Is OK'd

A successor to Prozac, Cymbalta scrutinized after student suicide

WASHINGTON | The Food and Drug Administration approved sale of a new antidepressant for adults Wednesday. Called Cymbalta, it should be in pharmacies by late month.

Maker Eli Lilly & Co. is banking on Cymbalta as a successor to its once-blockbuster Prozac. Cymbalta, known chemically as duloxetine, is one of a newer class of antidepressants that targets two brain chemicals involved in depression, serotonin and norepinephrine.

It's the first antidepressant to hit the market since the FDA began investigating whether such drugs sometimes can increase the risk of suicide, particularly in teenagers.

Cymbalta initially wasn't part of the debate. But it gained attention in February when a college student taking part in a study of the drug hanged herself in a company research facility. Lilly insists there's no evidence Cymbalta was to blame.

FDA closely scrutinized research on Cymbalta, and found no difference in the rate of suicidal behavior between users of the drug and those given a dummy pill, said Dr. Paul Andreason, the agency's primary reviewer.

Cymbalta's average wholesale price will be $2.85 for 60 milligrams, the usual daily dose. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Dimon	5.70	+.65	+12.9
Chemed	49.69	+3.39	+7.3
MidwstAir	3.56	+.24	+7.2
OwensIll	16.53	+1.07	+6.9
SmrtFn	16.65	+1.00	+6.4

Losers

Alpharma	12.43	-3.79	-23.4
Sitel	2.08	-.38	-15.4
Brinks	27.32	-4.73	-14.8
WilmCS	16.42	-2.07	-11.2
QuikslvR s	28.67	-3.58	-11.1

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
INTAC	11.90	+4.42	+59.1
DyaxCp	8.91	+1.97	+28.4
LaJollPh	3.59	+.79	+28.2
ViaSat	21.25	+3.09	+17.0
HinesH	4.01	+.58	+16.9

Losers

Merisel	2.58	-1.29	-33.3
ValueClick	7.16	-2.63	-26.9
EmpireRst	7.37	-2.46	-25.0
CienaCp	2.08	-.68	-24.6
Camtek	3.44	-.96	-21.8

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+6.27	-4.36	-1.06
+0.06	-0.23	-0.10
10126.51	1855.06	1098.63

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.25	4.25
Fed Funds close	1.25	1.25
3-month	1.45	1.43
2-year	2.65	2.74
10-year	4.42	4.59
30-year	5.17	5.32

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5481	.5477	.6215
Canadian Dollar	1.3138	1.3165	1.4061
European Euro	.8305	.8296	.8809
Japanese Yen	111.13	110.56	120.42
Mexican Peso	11.4460	11.4160	10.7040
Taiwanese Dollar	34.09	33.94	34.42

Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ABN Amro	21.17	+.15	-9.8
BcBilVArg	13.26	+.05	-4.3
BcoSnCH	9.54	+.03	-20.6
Bk of Am	85.10	-.71	+5.8
Barclay	35.08	+1.13	-3.5
CredSuiss	30.62	-1.67	-15.7
DeutschBk	67.63	-.37	-17.7
HSBC	76.05	+.23	-3.5
JPMorgCh	37.21	+.14	+2.3
LloydTSB	30.75	+.17	-5.5
MitsuTkyo	8.70	-.01	+11.1
UBS AG	66.10	-.91	-2.8
US Bancrp	28.81	+.40	-1.9
Wachovia	44.65	+.45	-4.2
WellsFrgo	57.27	+.27	-2.8

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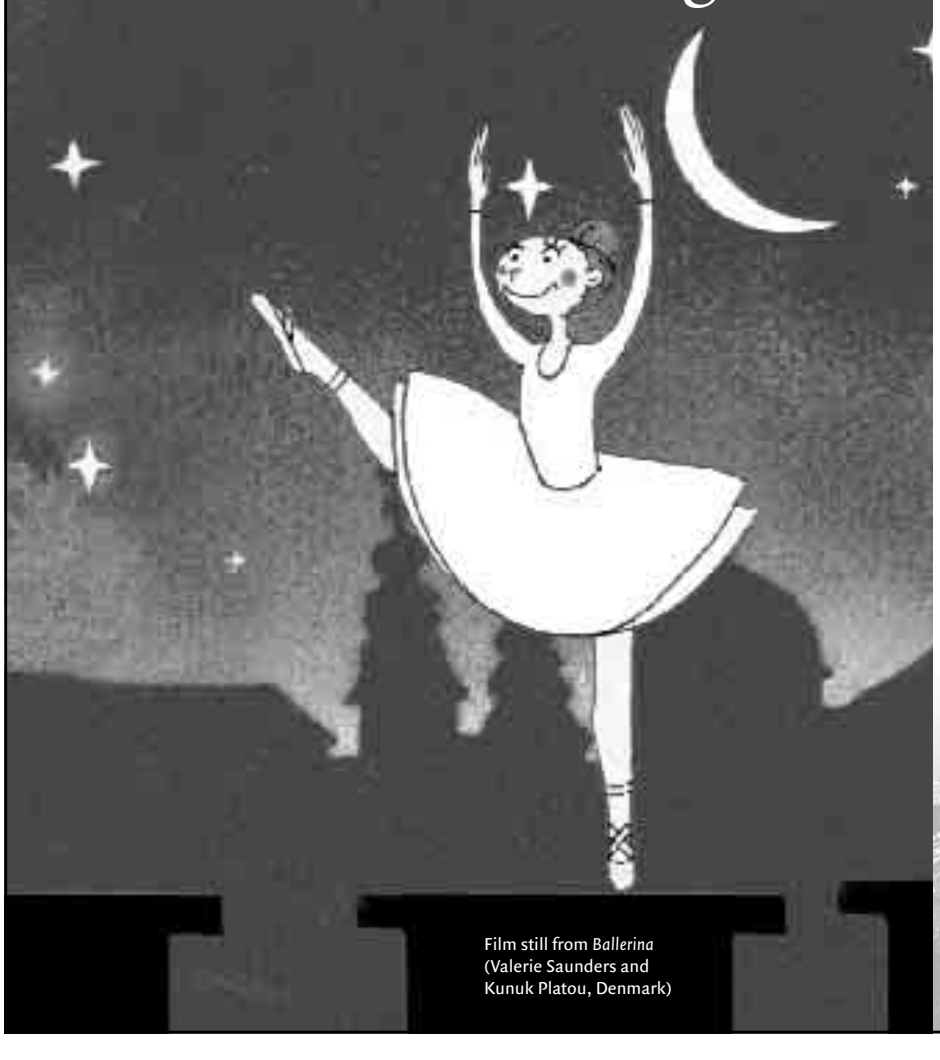

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Sons of the Pioneers

The gloomy Curiosa Festival gathers together current practitioners of the dark arts

MUSIC | The Cure is back. After a slow decline in the '90s led to their "final" album in 2000, the tortured goth-pop band has returned with a new album and The Curiosa Festival, a monstrous amphitheatre tour with hotly tipped indie bands including Interpol, Mogwai and The Rapture, coming Friday to Merriweather Post.

As one of the defining bands of the post-punk movement, The Cure had the luck to be fronted by singer-songwriter Robert Smith. With his unruly hair, heavy makeup, black wardrobe and grief-stricken public persona, Smith became an icon to the goth community.

In 2000, The Cure called it quits. Over the course of the previous decade, the band's theatrics, makeup and reliance on synthesizers had become increasingly marginalized by newer trends.

But the new trends themselves turned around, as trends will, and post-punk has suddenly became popular again. With The Cure unexpectedly being name-dropped by the most achingly hip alternative acts, Smith rightly decided the time was ripe for a comeback.

The modern indie bands assembled by The Cure as openers for this tour are a mishmash of striking originality and ... post-punk influences.

With their hypnotic debut LP, "Turn On The Bright Lights," Interpol released the most compelling album of 2002. A reverence for the early '80s post-punk stylings of bands like Joy Division soaked Interpol's album with insistent squalls of brooding guitars and ominous, monotone vocals.

PIETER VANHATTEN/MATADOR

THEY FOUND THE CURE: Anguished and well-dressed, Interpol is one generation away from the gloom-pop that spawned it.

Mogwai has taken the atmospheric elements of post-punk to an extreme. Featuring songs employing nearly every instrument imaginable, Mogwai has found the perfect balance between slow, meandering sections and sweeping climaxes. In an indie scene full of imitators, Mogwai's music truly is unique.

On the other end of the spectrum, electro-clash groups like The Rapture have embraced the ragged chord structure of post-punk and added aspects of dance music to create a potent blend that has taken hipster enclaves and indie rags by storm. The Rapture's latest album, "Echoes," is the seminal release of the nebulous "dance-punk" genre.

So with all these bastard step-children of the post-punk scene The Cure helped define opening at Friday's show, will the old guard be overshadowed? Our bet is the crowd will be overflowing with black garb and caked-on makeup, and still wailing along to the old classics. PETER DENTON

Merriweather Post Pavilion, 10475 Little Patuxent Pkwy., Columbia, Md.; 3:30 p.m., show starts at 5 p.m., $40-$75; 410-715-5550.

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Secret Life of Plants

A curator sheds light on the hidden symbolism of nature

LECTURE | The National Gallery of Art isn't the first place you'd think to go to bone up on German painting of the 1800s. The museum's holdings in that area aren't particularly strong.

But the East Building Auditorium will be the place to be Sunday afternoon, when NGA art information coordinating curator Christopher With delivers an illustrated lecture titled "Caspar David Friedrich, Adolf von Menzel and Arnold Böcklin: Landscape as Metaphor in Nineteenth-Century German Painting."

The diverse careers of the three painters span the century and offer a capsule history of its intellectual trends.

Friedrich was a romantic whose apprehension of the sublime helped to exalt a form of painting judged inferior by the traditional hierarchy. Menzel was a realist, enamored of the natural world's abundance of detail.

Böcklin conceived landscape as a fantastical setting for myth. His "Isle of the Dead" paintings likely inspired imagery in the Coen Brothers' remake of "The Ladykillers."

Over the past quarter-century, the German landscape again came to the fore in the work of Gerhard Richter, and, more significantly, Anselm Kiefer. Their concerns were quite new, of course, but the links they forged between land, history and psyche paralleled those established more than a century before.

GLENN DIXON

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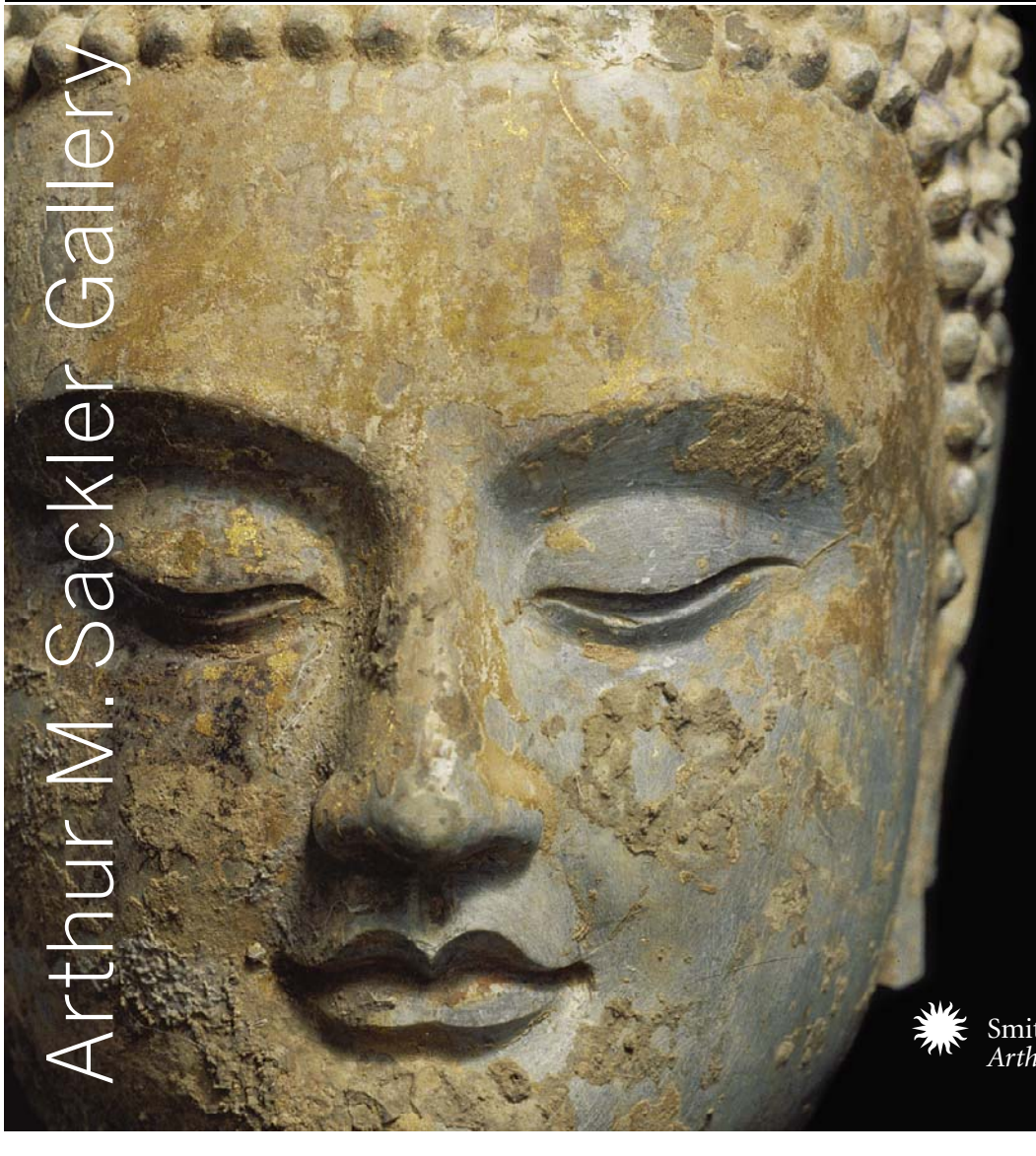

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National Postal Museum, 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE; Sat., Aug. 7, 1-2 p.m., free; 202-633-5555.

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The "Penny Black" was essential to the reform of the British postal system.

Tutu Antique: DIW's 'Petrouchka'

Bring on the old-school ballets. No sooner does Mark Morris Dance Group resurrect "Sylvia" than the Dance Institute of Washington performs Stravinsky's lavish "Petrouchka." "La Peri," anyone?

Carter Barron Amphitheater, 16th Street and Colorado Avenue NW; Fri., Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m., free; 202-426-0486.

Double Dip at Birchmere: Sandoval, Sonia

You'll have to stay up late and shell out twice, but it's worth the double-dip to see an old lion and some upcoming cubs rock the Birchmere. First, legendary Latin jazz trumpeter Arturo Sandoval; then it's Chicago's Sonia Dada and her wall-of-sound band.

Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria; Sandoval, 7:30 p.m., $35-$39.50; Dada, 10 p.m., $20; 703-549-7500.

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GERALD FOSTER

Cuban trumpeter Sandoval makes magic.

JIM COOPER/AP

TO THE QUICK: A rare photo of Twista with his superstar mouth shut; his second solo album went platinum and he's in the Guinness Book of World Records.

The World's Fastest Mouth

Twista gets ready to rhyme your ear off and blow your mind

HIP-HOP | It can't have been easy getting started in the rap game as Tung Twista, a tag that sounds like an off-brand Slurpee made with that stuff they use on teak.

Even after shortening his name, the speed-demon Chicago MC known as Twista found the road to the top to be a long haul. With the platinum-selling "Kamikaze," his first solo outing since 1997's "Adrenaline Rush," he finally has arrived. Saturday he plays McDonald's Sessions at Merriweather.

Having spent a few years making guest appearances for heavy hitters from Ludacris to P. Diddy, Twista has reinvented himself as more than just a guy with a gimmick.

Although there's still plenty of the headlong syllable-spitting that once scored Twista a slot in the Guinness Book of World Records as world's fastest rapper, the new disc presents a fellow who's at last learned to pace himself.

Going all alpha-male on the flow may draw the shorties' attention, but to keep them interested, a guy's got to know his way around a slinky groove and a seductive rhyme. The bedroom DJ of the album's first single, the blustering yet self-mocking "Slow Jamz," goes for "Keith Sweat" and "sheets wet."

Not feeling it?

OK. Let's try "Vandross" and "pants off." GLENN DIXON

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PRETTY ON THE INSIDE, TOO: Allison Moorer's big, beautiful voice can snap from defiant to heart-broken in the space of a note.

Help a Sister Out

Singer Allison Moorer turns musical fame into a family affair

MUSIC | *Such a purty little thing*, the Nashville music machine must have thought upon first catching sight of Allison Moorer. *It sure would be a shame if she had a big ol' voice.*

It doesn't make sense, and it sure isn't fair, but Moorer has never gotten the buzz she deserves despite being easy enough on the eyes to please even the most ravenous of the marketing wolves and talented enough to send a thrill to the very boot-tips of every songwriter in Tennessee.

But she's got that instrument — a gorgeous, room-fill, soul-filling orchestral but never brassy voice that can go from defiant to broken-hearted in the space of a note.

We're not saying that sexist Nashville likes its divas to at least sound biddable, just that we're looking for a weapon in this crime, and that young lady's voice is smokin'.

Moorer's songs are equally impressive. She can conjure up the ghosts of early American murder-and-vengeance ballads ("Ruby Jewel Was Here"), defend her man with admirable spunk ("Hey Jezebel") or walk the wavering line between the need to be needed and the desire to be free ("A Soft Place to Fall"). And her rip-roaring band keeps up with her every step of the way.

If the industry can come through for such an oddity as Moorer's big sis Shelby Lynne, then surely Allison's own fame is just on the horizon. (EXPRESS)

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COURTESY SCOTT CROWDER

COME WHAT MAY: Dark Little Rooms, headed up by Scott Crowder, writes swooning songs of romantic glory in which transendence is just around the corner.

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MUSIC | "It's raining today, but once there was summer and you, and dark little rooms, and sleep in late afternoons ..." So sang Scott Walker over three decades ago when he was one of Britain's biggest pop stars.

After Walker came David Bowie and Bryan Ferry. After them came Nick Cave, and then Rufus Wainwright. Every musical generation reinvents the barroom ballad. Now Richmond's Scott Crowder brings his band, Dark Little Rooms, to Washington. Here, the dank recesses of the Black Cat perfectly suit his songs about the recesses of the human heart.

Naturally, a good barroom ballad requires a piano. It's tough to really twang the heartstrings without one. So expect to see Crowder at that piano, front and center, where it belongs. Why? Because a piano can do broody and torchy. A piano can rock. It can go from gospel to glam to classical. All the threads in the cloth Dark Little Rooms is cut from.

But the apparent difference between Crowder and his predecessors, to judge from the band's 2003 eponymous EP, is a refusal to wallow. Transcendence sounds right around the corner. So maybe it's raining today, but once there was summer and you. And we all know summer keeps coming around.

BOB MASSEY

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW, Thu., Aug. 5, 9 p.m., $5; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

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Latin at the Lincoln: Tito Puente Jr., All-Stars

One Latin jazz legend begat another, and so it was that Tito Puente Jr., along with Latin Jazz All-Stars and Orquesta La Romana, came to play on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

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Storm Over 'Tempest': Twisty Casting

Washington Shakespeare Company puts a twist in Will's "Tempest" by casting Helen Hayes award-winner Jenifer Deal as its Prospero. All else — storm, island, Ariel, Caliban, politics, love — is the same. Pay-what-you-can previews Friday, Saturday and Monday, Aug. 6, 7 and 9. After that, Saturday matinees are pay-what-you-can.

Clark Street Playhouse, 601 S. Clark St., Arlington; through Sept. 5, $22-$30; 800-494-8497.

Six-String Splash: Guitar Festival

Everything you need to know about six strings but were afraid to ask; it's the Alexandria Guitar Festival. On Thursday the concert-and-seminar series features Latin guitarist Elliot Frank and composer-chamber musician James Piorkowski.

Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria; Fri.-Sat., Aug. 6-7, 8 p.m., concerts $15, series $40; 703-548-0035.

All for Bob: Reggae Fest

Some of the best reggae bands in Jah nation gather to honor Bob Marley at Wolf Trap's Roots Rock Reggae Festival. Join Toots and the Maytals, Looner and Slightly Stoopid, as well as The Marley Brothers, an intra-familial supergroup of sorts made up of five of Marley's sons.

Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna; 2 p.m., $25-$38; 703-255-1900.

Battle's Hip: 'Brilliant O'Mercy'

Washington Reflections Dance Company, the professional performance troupe launched by the Dance Institute of Washington, performs "Brilliant O'Mercy," a work choreographed by Broadway star (and sometime "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" guest) Hinton Battle.

Lincoln Theatre, 1215 U St. NW; Fri., Aug. 6, 8 p.m., $12.50-$35; 202-397-7328. (U St.-Cardozo)

Art and About: Academy 2004

Conner Contemporary Art presents Academy 2004, an annual exhibition showcasing the works of graduates of Baltimore and Washington art schools. They will take what they learned from our best local institutions with them, whether they become famous artists, join conceptual bands or marry rich.

Conner Contemporary Art, 1730 Connecticut Avenue, NW; opens Fri., Aug. 6, through Aug. 28; 202-588-8750. (Dupont Circle)

ANNIE SCHAP

From Annie Schap's 2003 video "Love Hurts Hands," on exhibit at Conner.

Marine Life: Evening Parade

Every Friday in the summer, the Marines put on a moving and beautiful evening parade. Catch the martial music and silent drills before summer fades into fall. The parade is free but reservations are required.

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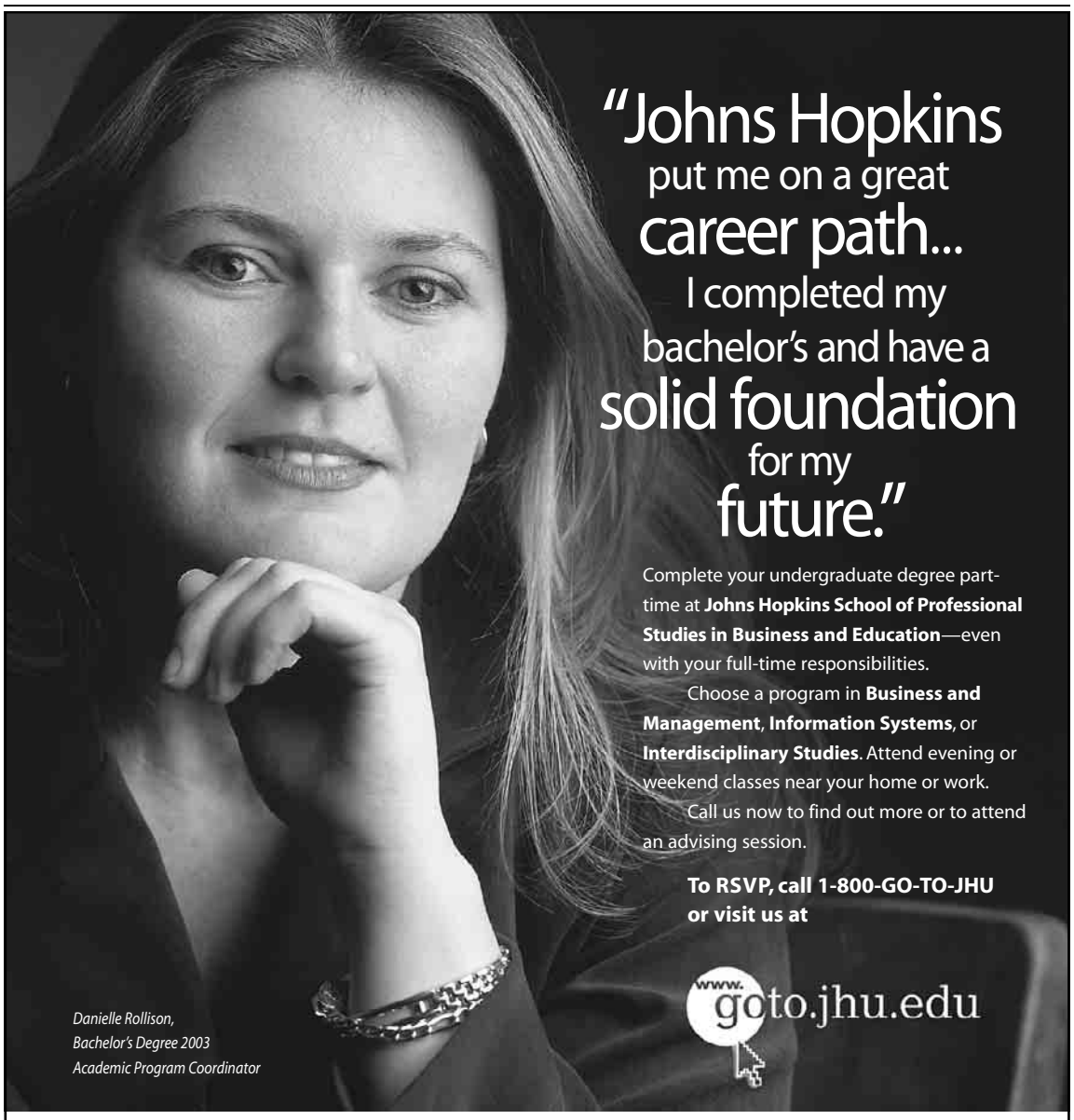

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SUSAN BIDDLE/TWP

MAN WITH A STRONG CONSTITUTION: Some nonfiction books critical of the administration are closer to the source than others. Join Democratic Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia as he discusses "Losing America." Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919.

A future for America: Robert Byrd will discuss his book, his 46 years of service and his solutions for the country, at 2 p.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

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SCRATCH 'N' SPIFF: Vinyl Kombat host Jazzy Jay, left, with scratch king Thomas, helped found Def Jam records and brought DJing from the streets to the masses.

Clean Cuts

Creative battle MCs rhyme without cursing

DJ BATTLE | DJ duels aren't typically PG-rated affairs. These memorable contests pit scratch-and-cut artists against one another, typically in a round-robin format, and eventually crown a champion.

Unfortunately, even though many of these events are crammed with youthful audiences and competitors, many folks feel the need to lace their vinyl-based routines with loads of expletives designed to intimidate opponents — flipping the bird through via turntable sounds.

Filling the need for some good, clean fun is the Vinyl Kombat turntable battle, which holds a regional event at Nation hosted by DJ Jazzy Jay on Sunday.

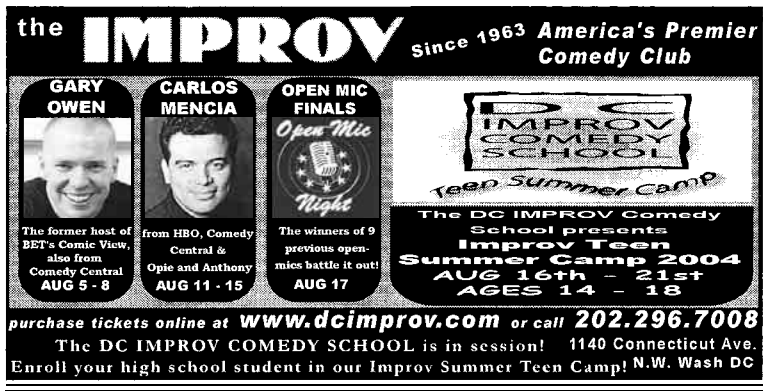
The rules prohibit the performance or incorporation of anything "obscene, defamatory, profane, blasphemous, unsuitable for a family audience or otherwise harmful/unacceptable." (Sounds like the FCC.) The contest has no problem with the hip-hop tradition of "dissing," but they encourage creativity. Seems that pretty much eliminates the flipping of birds.

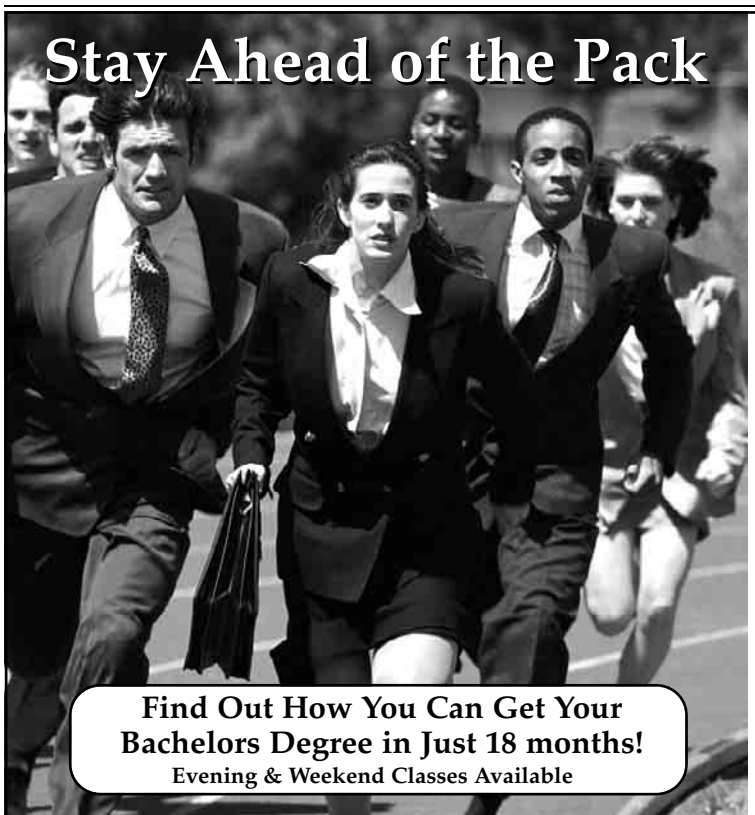
The gig also promises showcases from scratchmaster extraordinaire D-Styles and off the dome rhymer Supernatural. The renowned MC can rhyme with virtually any word an audience tosses out to him. But in these friendly confines, make sure none of the words you choose would force Mom to insert a bar of Irish Spring into your mouth.

CRAIG SMITH

Nation, 1015 Half Street SE; Sun., Aug. 8, doors open 5 p.m., $15, $10 ages 16 and under; 202-554-1500. (Navy Yard)

HEADS UP: All the livestock you can gawk at! It's the Fairfax County 4-H Fair. Frying Pan Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon; Sat.-Sun., Aug. 7-8, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., free; 703-324-5369.





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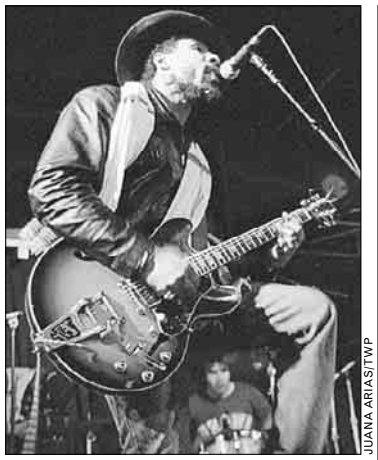

JUANA ARIAS/TWP

However he spells it, Chesnutt rocks.

R&B to a T (or Two)

Cody Chesnutt is a better singer than speller

MUSIC | In R&B circles, egomania and annoying typographic innovation go hand in hand. There's the Purple One and his inscrutable, unpronounceable symbol; Jenny from the Block and her nom de homegirl J.Lo, and Cody ChesnuTT and the phone poles he's erected at the end of his surname.

What's that? You haven't heard of the man whose two-disc calling card was humbly titled "The Headphone Masterpiece"? Well, it certainly wasn't for lack of trying. When Chesnutt (sorry; we're having none of it) joins Martin Luther, Amp Fiddler and Eric Roberson at the 9:30 Club on Saturday for the Kosmic Brothas tour, he'll still be supporting his 2002 debut.

The good news is that the record, though overlong, is warm, personal and ribald, closer in spirit to the new school of stoner/surfer singer-songwriters than to the callous bling-swingers of MTV.

The bad news is that the whole thing sounds "intimate," i.e., like a bunch of demos. But songs like "Boylife in America," whose unquotably randy chorus was undone by tin-can production, could well sound like a hit live. GLENN DIXON

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Sat., Aug. 7, 8 p.m. doors, $15; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

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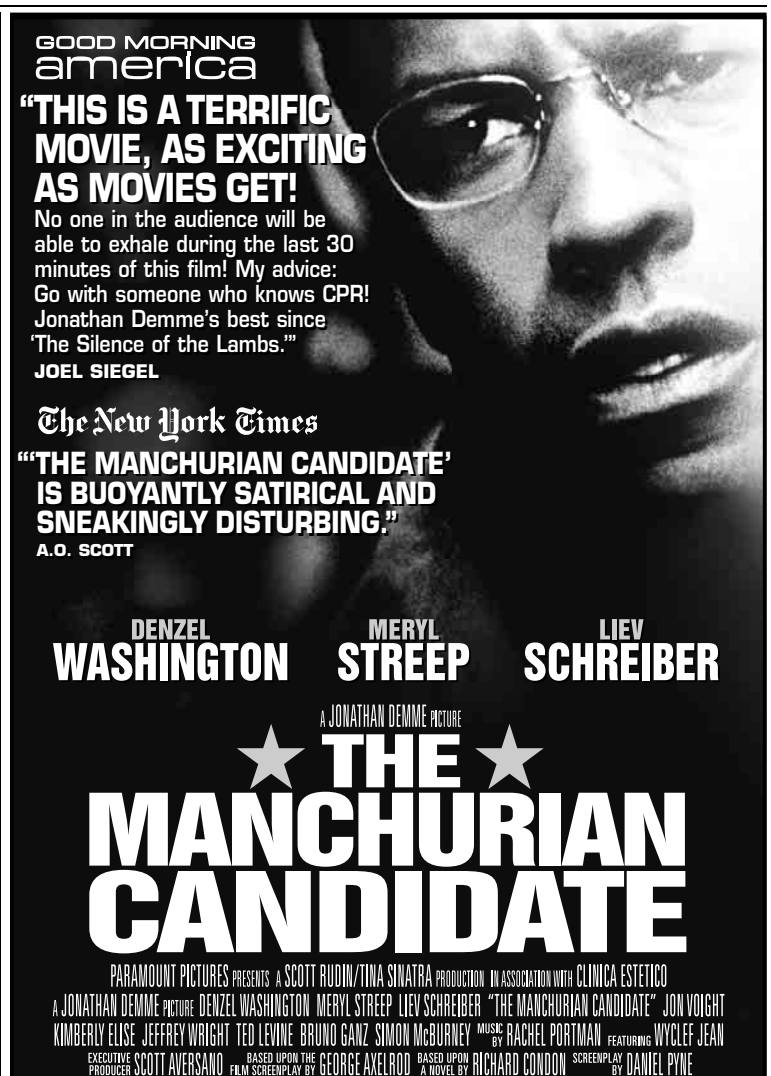

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'Bugs Bunny on Broadway' combines 'toons with tunes

OUT & ABOUT | It is unlikely that, when Richard Wagner wrote his operas, he ever envisioned them accompanying the shenanigans of a cartoon rabbit.

Yet "Bugs Bunny on Broadway" has been delighting cartoon fans and horrifying classical music purists for more than a decade — and this weekend, it's coming to Wolf Trap. Conducted by George Daugherty, creator of the original production, and accompanied by the National Symphony Orchestra, the event features classic Looney Tunes cartoons projected onto large screens.

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So, perhaps it is fitting that "Bugs Bunny on Broadway" combines some of music's most enduring composers — Rossini and Strauss, in addition to Wagner — with some of pop culture's most enduring characters.

This weekend's event will feature different cartoons from the original production, although diehard fans may still be able to recognize the old favorites. ERIN O'CONNOR

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A Religious Experience

OUT & ABOUT | It's hard to avoid using a baptismal analogy when describing Women of Faith, a conference designed to help women achieve spiritual renewal.

Held at the MCI Center, the event is two days and 10½ hours of women joining together to immerse themselves in their faith. Women of Faith, an interdenominational women's conference organization, aims to help women of all beliefs and backgrounds to take time to focus on their emotional and spiritual growth. Leading by example, conference speakers will talk frankly about their relationships with God.

Part of the Women of Faith "speaker team" will be Evelyn Husband, whose spouse, Cmdr. Rick Husband, died when the Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrated in 2003. Husband will discuss how she found peace through religion after the accident. Several other speakers will convey their uplifting messages — this year's theme is "Irrepressible Hope," after all.

In addition, the Women of Faith Worship Team will lead the arena in prayer.

And let there be music. Several popular Christian artists will perform, including multiple-Grammy-winner CeCe Winans, who has sung for world political and religious leaders, including the pope.

ERIN O'CONNOR

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➜ **DIY FACTOR:** Low. The cocktail is mixed for you, so your duties are limited to refilling.

➜ **VALUE:** Average (for D.C.). The $9 mini cocktails are the same serving size as traditional ones (8 oz.).

Dan's Cafe

(2315 18th St. NW; 202-265-9241; Metro: Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan)

➜ **DRINK:** $12 for one pint of hard alcohol, two mixers (mini bottles of juice, soda, etc.), two glasses and a bucket of ice.

➜ **DIY FACTOR:** High. All mixing and refilling is up to you.

➜ **VALUE:** High. $12 for a pint of vodka? No brand selection was offered, but it was strong enough for three to share. JENNIE KIM (EXPRESS)

Eating Around

OPENINGS

Delhi Club

(1135 N. Highlands St.; 703-527-5666; Metro: Clarendon)

FOOD: Traditional and modern Indian cuisine.

OWNERS: Rajan Nagpal (owner of Arlington's Il Radicchio and Hot Shotz) and Balraj Bhasin (of Bombay Curry Company in Alexandria).

LUNCH: The $5-$9 menu offers a variety of Indian dishes, as well as "Indian-inspired" wraps, sandwiches and salads. Bhasin's favorite: the $5.50 chicken tikka wrap, stuffed with charcoal-broiled chicken, lettuce, tomato and onion. The curry of the day ($6.75) tends to be more adventurous; on Wednesday, it was curried Punjab/Kashmir lamb stew.

DINNER: Most entrees range from $10-$15 each. Popular items include the butter chicken ($11.50) — Bhasin said theirs is "slightly sweeter than other versions" — and shrimp biryani ($8.50). Appetizers include tandoori chicken wings ($5.50).

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WATCH OUT: Tall windows and outdoor tables allow good people-watching.

DECOR: Sparse. The bright red walls are hung with scarves. Indian shades and more wall hangings are on the way.

UPCOMING: An afternoon tea, where patrons can sip authentic Indian spiced teas and enjoy light snacks. "It's a British legacy. At 4 p.m. everyone would sit down and have their afternoon tea," Bhasin said. JENNIE KIM (EXPRESS)

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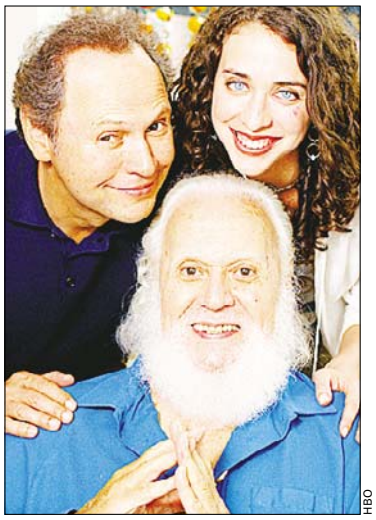
Television

History as It Happens

Lindsay Crystal salutes a great man — and a great uncle

TRIBUTE | Who knew that comedian Billy Crystal's eccentric uncle had several rendezvous with destiny, or that Crystal's daughter Lindsay would emerge as a credible filmmaker?

Lindsay Crystal decided to make "My Uncle Berns" (7:30 p.m., HBO) after the attacks on the World Trade Center, located only one block from her 88-year-old great uncle Bernhardt's nursing home. Best known as her father's artistic and forever joking uncle, Lindsay soon learned that his story was as varied and tragic as the American Century.



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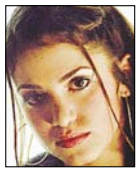
SAY UNCLE: The Crystals with "Berns."

Lindsay Crystal brings an intelligence and affection to her subject that makes her film compelling. She also showcases her uncle's uncelebrated illustrations, paintings and cartoons, a lifetime of self-described "junk" that deserves attention in its own right. "Berns" also makes the obvious, but often ignored, point that the elderly have amazing stories to tell, and that history truly comes alive when we simply listen. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

IT'S NO PICNIC IN D.C., EITHER
Summer heat proves deadly on **CSI** (9 p.m., CBS).

DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE
THIRTEEN (8:15 p.m., Cinemax) A rebellious adolescent goes to great lengths to be popular in this 2003 drama starring Holly Hunter, Evan Rachel Wood and Nikki Reed.



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THE DWINDLERS
Big Brother 5 (8 p.m., CBS) Eviction.

ADAM SANDLER IS SATAN
Little Nicky (8 p.m., Fox) Adam Sandler stars in this hellish 2000 comedy.

COUNTRY ROADS
LOST HIGHWAY (CMT) Part one (8 p.m.) of this comprehensive history of country music celebrates the bluegrass roots of country with an emphasis on the Carter family. Part two (9:15 p.m., CMT) covers the rise of Nashville and the brief, brilliant career of Hank Williams. "Lost Highway" is must viewing for anyone interested in a uniquely American culture.

ADAM SANDLER IS SATAN
LITTLE NICKY (8 p.m., Fox) Adam Sandler stars in this 2000 comedy.

HOPHEADS IN HOLLYWOOD
The Carrie Nations, a trio of female rock stars, explore the groovy Hollywood scene in the 1970 spoof-**BEYOND THE VALLEY OF THE DOLLS** (9:45 p.m., Independent Film Channel). Roger Ebert (yes, that Roger Ebert!) wrote the absurd script. Directed by cult favorite Russ Meyer. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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	WTTG 5	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Friends CC	Seinfeld CC	★★ "Little Nicky" (2000, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Patricia Arquette. CC				News		Friends CC	Drew Carey
	WJLA 7	News CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! CC	Extreme Makeover CC		Extreme Makeover CC		Primetime Thursday CC		News CC	(:35) Nightline
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	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer CC		Business Rpt.	Business Conn.	Ask This Old	MotorWeek (N)	Wide Angle "A State of Mind" CC		Ken Burns American Stories "Baseball: Shadow Ball (1930-1940)" CC			
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer CC		More Yoga for the Rest of Us CC		Dr. Wayne Dyer: The Power of Intention Dr. Wayne Dyer explores the power of intention. CC					
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	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			BET.com Count	The Parkers	The Parkers	★ "Hot Boyz" (1999, Drama) Snoop Dogg, Silkk the Shocker, Gary Busey.				BET Nightly News	Maad Sports
	Bravo	(4:30) ★★★ "La Bamba" (1987)		The West Wing "College Kids" CC		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy CC		Celebrity Poker Showdown Celebrities compete for charity. (N) CC				The West Wing "College Kids" CC	
	Comedy	Late Night Jamie Foxx; Louis CK.		The Daily Show	Crossballs (N)	Mad TV CC		Insomniac CC	South Park CC	The Graham Norton Effect (N) CC		The Daily Show	Tough Crowd (N)
	Court	NYPD Blue "A Remington Original"		Cops CC	Cops CC	The System		Forensic Files	Body of Evidence	The Investigators "Dark Secrets"		Forensic Files	Hollywood Heat
	Discovery	Freak Accidents Occurrence causes.		Casino Diaries	Casino Diaries	Columbus: Secrets From the Grave		Aztec Temple		Weather Extreme "Tornado" CC		Columbus: Secrets From the Grave	
	DISCH	Trauma: Life in the ER CC		Chicago Hope CC		Most Identical Twin Test (N)		Sex Drive CC		Berman & Berman "Sex Tips 3"		Most Identical Twin Test	
	Disney	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	"Stuck in the Suburbs" (2004) Danielle Panabaker. CC			That's So Raven	That's So Raven	Sister, Sister	Bug Juice CC	Lizzie McGuire
	E!	The Ultimate Hollywood Blonde		E! News (N)	It's Good to Be	The Ultimate Hollywood Blonde		The Ultimate Hollywood Blonde		The Ultimate Hollywood Blonde (N)		Howard Stern	Howard Stern
	FX	(5:00) ★★ "Behind Enemy Lines"		Fear Factor "Blizzard Show" CC		★★ "Sleeping With the Enemy" (1991) Julia Roberts, Patrick Bergin.				Fear Factor CC		★★ "Sleeping With the Enemy"	
	HGTV	Bldg. Character	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Wknd Warriors	Landscapers	Divine Design	Designer Finals	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	Home to Go	Design on a Dime
	Family	Full House CC	Full House CC	7th Heaven "Bowling for Eric" CC		★★★ "Coming to America" (1988, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall, John Amos.					Whose Line?	The 700 Club CC	
	History	Perfect Crimes? CC		Modern Marvels "Police Technology"		Highway Hangouts: Celebrating America's Roadside Attractions CC				Modern Marvels Trucking industry.		Command Dec.	Decisive Battles
	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	"Final Justice" (1998, Drama) Annette O'Toole, CCH Pounder. CC				"Hunger Point" (2003, Drama) Barbara Hershey, Susan May Pratt. CC (DVS)				The Division "Book of Memories"	
	MTV	MTV Reality Award Show		Direct Effect: Shyne Special (N)		Battlegrounds	Movie House	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	True Life People abuse Adderall. (N)		Ashlee-Show	Ashlee-Show
	NICK	SPLAT!	Rugrats Vacation.	Jimmy Neutron	Fairly Oddparents	SpongeBob	All Grown Up	Full House CC	Full House CC	Roseanne CC	Roseanne CC	Roseanne CC	Roseanne CC
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Wormhole X-Treme"		★★ "Vampire in Brooklyn" (1995) Eddie Murphy, Angela Bassett. CC				"Out for Blood" (2004, Horror) Kevin Dillon, Lance Henriksen. CC				★★ "Dolly Dearest" (1992) CC	
	SPIKE	Real TV	Real TV	World's Wildest Police Videos CC		World's Wildest Police Videos CC		MXC	MXC	MXC	MXC	MXC	On the Road
	TBS	Every-Raymond	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Friends CC	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Houston Astros. From Minute Maid Park in Houston. (Live) CC						★★ "Mickey Blue Eyes" (1999) (PA)	
	TLC	Clean Sweep Embarrassing rooms.		In a Fix "Bachelor's Mess" CC		Overhaulin' A 1968 Oldsmobile.		Help Wanted "Stuntman" (N)		Sports Disasters (N) CC		Overhaulin' A 1968 Oldsmobile.	
	TNT	Charmed CC		Law & Order "Benevolence"		★ "Wild Wild West" (1999, Western) Will Smith, Kevin Kline. CC				★ "Wild Wild West" (1999, Western) Will Smith, Kevin Kline. CC			
	USA	Walker, Texas Ranger "Retribution"		JAG "Head to Toe" CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		"Belly of the Beast" (2003, Action) Steven Seagal, Russell Wong. CC				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
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	ESPN2	Billiards WPBA Classic Tour Final.		NFL Live CC	ATP Tennis: Western & Southern Financial Group Masters				Baseball Tonight (Live) CC			2004 World Series of Poker	
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	FNC	Special Report (Live) CC		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live) CC		Hannity & Colmes (Live) CC		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	The Abrams Report (Live)		Hardball (Live) CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Deborah Norville Tonight (Live)		Scarborough Country (Live)		Hardball CC	
MOVIES	AMC	Bruce Lee: A Warrior's Journey A profile of Bruce Lee. CC				★★ "The Professional" (1994, Drama) Jean Reno. Premiere. 'R'				★★ "The Protector" (1985, Drama) Jackie Chan, Danny Aiello. 'R'			
	TCM	★★★ "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" (1967) Spencer Tracy. 'NR' CC				★★★★ "In the Heat of the Night" (1967, Mystery) Sidney Poitier. 'NR' CC				★★★ "Duel at Diablo" (1966, Western) James Garner. 'NR' CC			
	HBO	★ "Swimfan" (2002) Jesse Bradford. 'PG-13' CC			My Uncle Berns Portrait of Bernhardt Crystal. (N) CC			★★★ "Confidence" (2003) Edward Burns. 'R' CC			Alien/Predator	12 Years of Real Sex: A Dirty Dozen	
	MAX	Someone-Over	(:35) ★★ "The Transporter" (2002) Jason Statham. CC			(:15) ★★★ "Thirteen" (2003, Drama) Holly Hunter. Premiere. 'R' CC				★★★ "The Fugitive" (1993, Drama) Harrison Ford. 'PG-13' CC			
	SHOW	(4:45) Once Bitten	(:25) ★ "Flowers in the Attic" (1987) Victoria Tennant.			★★★ "The Italian Job" (2003) Mark Wahlberg. iTV. 'PG-13' CC				Penn & Teller	Penn & Teller	Boxing Samuel Peter vs. Jovo Pudar.	
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	STARZ!	(5:35) ★★ "Tremors" (1990) Kevin Bacon. 'PG-13' CC			(:20) ★★★ "Tuck Everlasting" (2002) Alexis Bledel. 'PG'			★★★ "Grosse Pointe Blank" (1997, Comedy) John Cusack. 'R' CC				"Highlander: The Final Dimension"	
	ENCORE	(:15) ★★ "Big Trouble in Little China" (1986) Kurt Russell. 'PG-13' CC				★★ "Empire" (2002, Drama) John Leguizamo. Premiere. 'R' CC				★★ "40 Days and 40 Nights" (2002) Josh Hartnett. 'R'			(:40) Diabolique

MUM: Chamique Holdsclaw still isn't saying what "minor medical condition" caused her to miss three Mystics' games."You say, 'health issues,' people automatically think you're pregnant," she said. "Well, I'm not pregnant, I don't have cancer and never have I been pregnant." (AP)

Sports

Redskins Won't Be Defensive

Linebackers expected to attack opposing offenses during season

REDSKINS | Marcus Washington is ready to be a part of an attacking defense the rest of the league will have to respect.

The fifth-year linebacker was signed in the offseason from an Indianapolis defense that certainly didn't scare NFL teams like the 4,000-yard passing abilities of Peyton Manning.

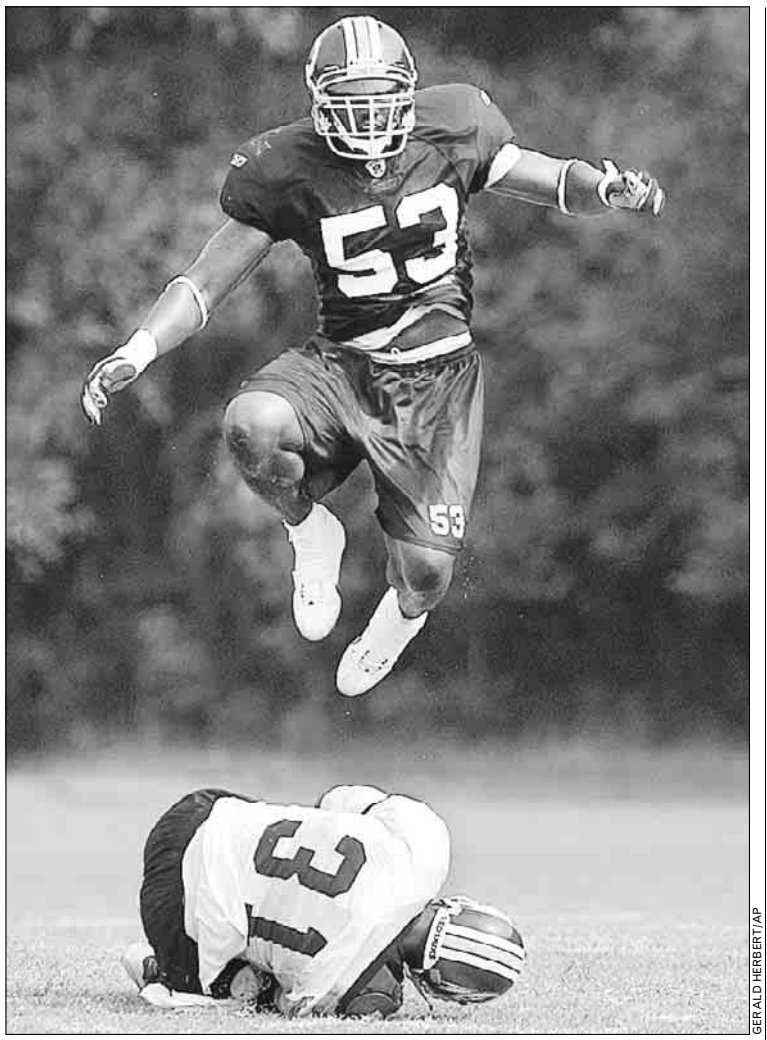
Now with the Redskins, Washington is confident that by joining a linebacker corps of LaVar Arrington and Mike Barrow — the Redskins' other free-agent linebacker signing — this year's defense is intimidating.

"It means a lot to a defense when you come into a game and people are going to be worried about you," said Washington, who signed a six-year, $24 million contract in March.

Now that he's got his contract, Washington has to start learning quickly from Redskins defensive coordinator Gregg Williams.

While it's early, it's evident Williams expects a lot from his linebackers.

"When you get good at what we do, the linebackers never leave the field," Williams said. (AP)



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LEAPFROG: Redskins linebacker Marcus Washington leaps over running back John Simon during passing drills at training camp on Wednesday.

Banged up: Defensive lineman Brandon Noble, trying to come back from a season-long knee injury suffered in the preseason last year, has a broken right hand | **Today's Post, Sports**

Cowboys Sack Carter Suddenly

Quarterback released amid multiple reports of a failed drug test

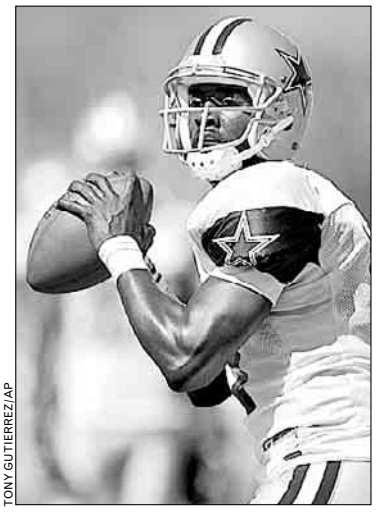
PRO FOOTBALL | In a stunning move the team wouldn't explain, the Dallas Cowboys cut Quincy Carter on Wednesday and handed the starting quarterback's job to 40-year-old Vinny Testaverde.

Just four days after he started camp as the No. 1 quarterback, Carter was suddenly gone from a team he led to 10 wins and back to the playoffs in Bill Parcells' first season.

Owner Jerry Jones and Parcells were vague about why they released Carter, who started every game in 2003 and was the opening-game starter each of his three years.

"I think that we should leave it at it just was not a difficult decision, and not get into a definition of what it was about," Jones said.

ESPN.com, FoxSports.com and CBSSportsLine.com, all citing unidentified NFL sources, reported that Carter had failed a drug test. The NFL had no comment.



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

The Cowboys on Wednesday released Carter, who started 16 games last year.

Carter's agent, Eugene Parker, did not return calls seeking comment. The quarterback left camp soon after being informed of the decision by Parcells and Jones and wasn't available.

The coach wouldn't say why there was such a drastic change in direction."I just couldn't keep him in the plans," Parcells said.

STEPHEN HAWKINS (AP)

NFL Insider: The Post's Mark Maske offers the latest news from training camps throughout the National Football League | **washingtonpost.com/sports**

Wizards Turn to Walker for Depth

PRO BASKETBALL | The Washington Wizards signed free agent power forward Samaki Walker on Wednesday.

Walker has played with Dallas, San Antonio, the Los Angeles Lakers and Miami over an eight-year career. He has played in 48 playoff games and won an NBA title with the Lakers in 2002.

"Walker will provide our team with very good depth in the frontcourt," general manager Ernie Grunfeld said. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

BASEBALL (1 P.M. ON ESPN) Barry Zito and Kevin Brown square off in a pitcher's duel between the Oakland A's and New York Yankees.

BASEBALL (8 P.M. ON TBS) Mike Hampton has won five games in a row for the Atlanta Braves, who take on the Houston Astros.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (7 P.M. ON ESPN) The U.S. Olympic team plays the WNBA All-Stars.

GOLF (4 P.M. ON USA) Davis Love III starts the defense of his title at the International in Castle Rock, Colo.

TENNIS (1 P.M. AND 7:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) Andy Roddick continues his quest to repeat at the Western & Southern Group Masters in Cincinnati.

Iverson Provides the Answer for U.S.

Halfcourt shot at the buzzer lifts Olympic team over Germany

OLYMPICS | Things are not looking good for the NBA stars on the U.S. Olympic basketball team.

The Americans needed a final-shot 3-pointer by Allen Iverson from just across midcourt Wednesday to pull out an 80-77 exhibition victory over Germany — a team that failed to qualify for the Athens Games.

A day after losing 95-78 to unheralded Italy, the U.S. players celebrated their last-gasp triumph against Germany as though they had won an NBA championship. When Iverson's second 3-pointer in the final 1 1/2 minutes went through the net, two-time league MVP Tim Duncan raised a finger to the sky as if to say, "We're No. 1!" Other team members piled atop Iverson on the court.

FRANK AUGSTEIN/AP

Iverson sinks the game-winning shot for the U.S. in Wednesday's game.

Duncan led the Americans with 19 points, followed by Carmelo Anthony with 16 and Iverson with 15.

Dallas Mavericks All-Star Dirk Nowitzki, who scored 32 points for Germany, appeared to have sent the game to overtime by making a 3-pointer over two defenders to tie the score at 77 with 3.2 seconds left. But Iverson, a U.S. co-captain, came through with his own clutch shot.

ROY KAMMERER (AP)

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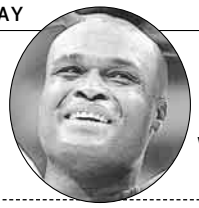


WALK THIS WAY: Monday's rumor is now a done deal. The Dallas Mavericks traded All-Star forward Antoine Walker, plus Tony Delk, to the Atlanta Hawks for Jason Terry and Alan Henderson on Wednesday. The Mavericks will also receive a future first-round draft pick from the Hawks. (AP)

IOC Head: Athens is Ready

'We're heading to a very, very successful games," Rogge says

OLYMPICS | After years of pushing, prodding and scolding, Athens is now ready to host "magical games," the head of the International Olympic Committee said Wednesday.

"It's a magic moment because this is the culmination of seven years of preparations, and in a little more than a week's time the games will begin and the whole world is waiting for that," president Jacques Rogge said.

"We are heading to very, very successful games."

Rogge

Rogge will meet with officials to discuss the games and will preside over the IOC executive board meetings this weekend before moving into the Olympic village.

All venue construction is virtually finished, leaving only landscaping and other final details to be completed.

Greece has deployed 70,000 police and soldiers to guard the Olympics, plus an additional 35,000 military personnel to guard railroad stations, borders and other areas, mainly outside Athens. Rogge said the security presence will not affect the games.

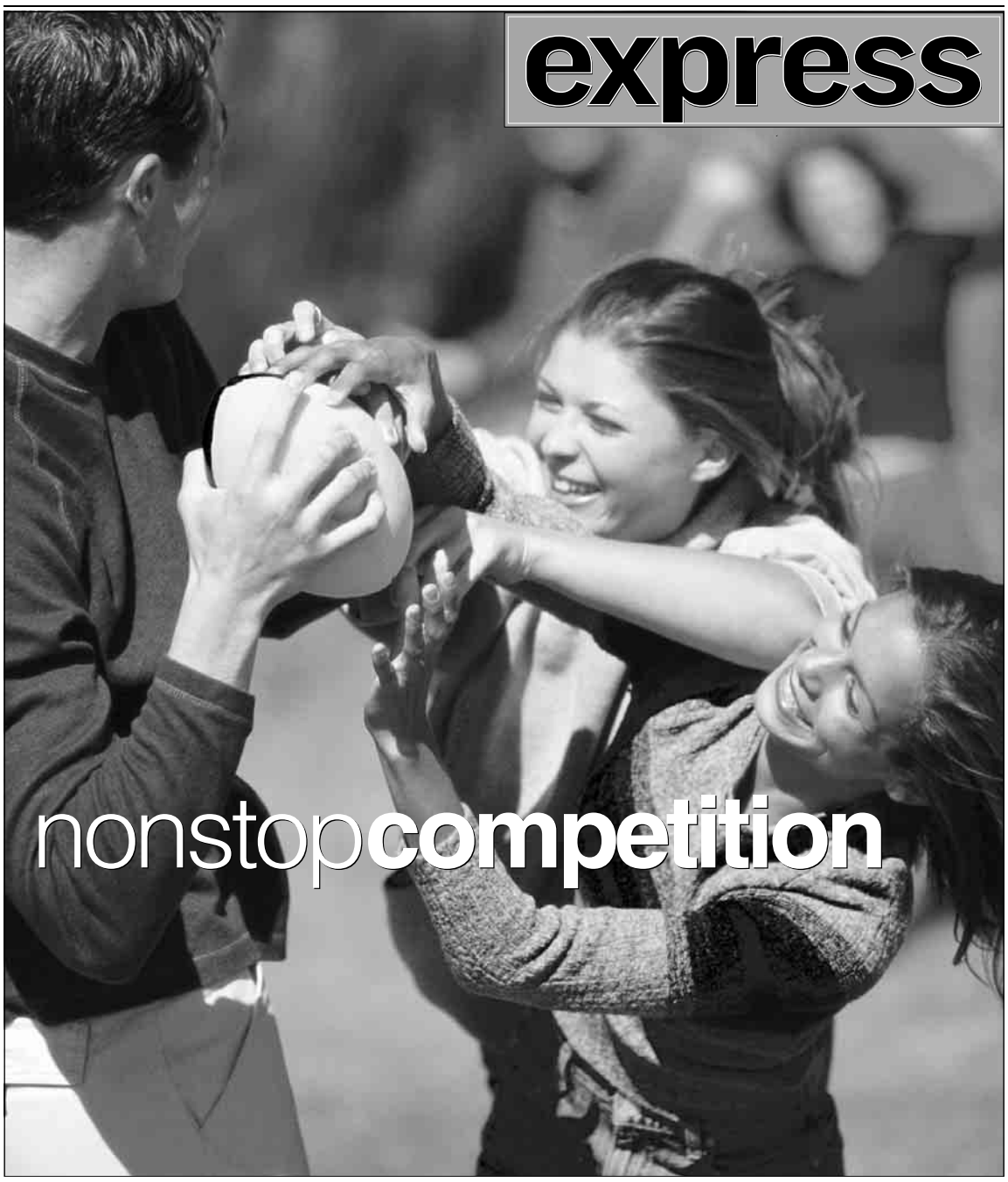
On another subject, Rogge said the IOC will take "necessary action" on any misconduct in the bidding process for the 2012 Summer Games, which have not yet been awarded.

A BBC news program secretly filmed four agents claiming they could secure IOC members' votes for money. The case was turned over to the IOC ethics commission last week. LISA ORKIN (AP)

LABOR TROUBLES | MEETING OVER

ADRIAN WYLD/AP

REVOLVING DOOR: NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman leaves Wednesday's negotiations with union officials. Both sides said little progress was made.



Raiders, Brown Ready to Part Ways

FOOTBALL | Tim Brown is leaving the Oakland Raiders after 16 prolific seasons. Unwilling to accept the prospect of reduced playing time, the 38-year-old receiver accepted owner Al Davis' decision to part ways with the last former member of the Los Angeles Raiders. Davis announced his intentions in a news conference with Brown on Wednesday. Oakland plans to release Brown on Thursday. (AP)

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
New York	66	39	.629	—	38-14	28-25
Boston	58	47	.552	8	33-18	25-29
Tampa Bay	50	56	.472	16.5	31-24	19-32
Baltimore	48	57	.457	18	24-29	24-28
Toronto	47	59	.443	19.5	29-25	18-34

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Minnesota	60	45	.571	—	31-23	29-22
Chicago	54	49	.524	5	30-21	24-28
Cleveland	53	54	.495	8	32-23	21-31
Detroit	50	56	.472	10.5	27-26	23-30
Kansas City	37	67	.356	22.5	24-29	13-38

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Oakland	60	45	.571	—	36-15	24-30
Texas	58	46	.558	1.5	31-17	27-29
Anaheim	57	49	.538	3.5	30-24	27-25
Seattle	39	67	.368	21.5	25-27	14-40

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Atlanta	58	47	.552	—	30-22	28-25
Philadelphia	54	52	.509	4.5	29-24	25-28
Florida	52	53	.495	6	28-24	24-29
New York	50	55	.476	8	27-23	23-32
Montreal	42	63	.400	16	23-29	19-34

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
St. Louis	67	38	.638	—	31-21	36-17
Chicago	58	48	.547	9.5	31-21	27-27
Houston	54	52	.509	13.5	28-27	26-25
Milwaukee	51	54	.486	16	28-25	23-29
Cincinnati	51	55	.481	16.5	29-23	22-32
Pittsburgh	49	55	.471	17.5	26-26	23-29

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Los Angeles	62	43	.590	—	33-19	29-24
San Diego	58	48	.547	4.5	30-25	28-23
San Francisco	58	50	.537	5.5	31-24	27-26
Colorado	47	59	.443	15.5	27-28	20-31
Arizona	34	74	.315	29.5	17-37	17-37

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SHOE DEPRIVATION: One woman was so desperate for cute, big shoes she painted flowers on men's loafers.

Super Size Us

Footwear

Shoes aren't keeping up with the growth of modern women's feet

When Pam Miller walks into a shoe store, she bypasses the displays with the latest styles, heads for the nearest sales person and pleads, "Bring me whatever you have in a size 13 medium."

After years of sorting through too-wide orthopedic shoes, surfing online sites and competing with transvestites for the trendiest styles, the 34-year-old Houston legal secretary is far beyond being picky. At times, she's forked over close to $200 for ugly shoes that at least fit.

There are plenty of lost soles like her. In the past 20 years, the foot of the average American woman has grown a full shoe size to an 8 or 9, up from a 7 or 8, according to Marshal Cohen, senior analyst for the NPD Group. He estimated that more than one-third of women now wear a size 9 or larger, up from 11 percent in 1987. Male feet are growing too, but only by a half-size in the past two decades.

Yet shoe stores aren't keeping pace. Many retailers haven't changed their size selections in years, Cohen said. Some stock just one pair of size 12s a year, because they stocked and sold one pair the year before. Retailers "don't know how many they can sell, so manufacturers don't sell them to retailers and don't make them," Cohen said. By simply stocking more large sizes, shoe outlets could boost their annual revenue by more than 8 percent, he figures.

Individual foot size is mostly a matter of genetics. But doctors say there are a number of other factors. People are generally taller than they used to be. "The trend is that the population is bigger," said James McGuire of Temple University's School of Podiatric Medicine in Philadelphia. The youngest baby-boomer women turn 40 this year; bearing children and aging has left many of them with feet a good size bigger than they were. "As you get older, ligaments loosen up and bones might change," added Dr. Stephanie Belovich of Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in Cleveland.

The biggest single contributor to the big-foot phenomenon may be the rise in participation in girls' sports in the 32 years since Title IX funding rules took effect. "Bones grow in response to demand," Temple's Dr. McGuire said. "Walking and exercise stimulate the foot to be stronger, more muscular and bigger."

Retailers, looking for the biggest return on inventory, typically focus on average sizes, 7 to 9. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Payless ShoeSource Inc. carry big sizes, but Miller and other women complain inexpensive shoes tend to wear out fast. Nordstrom Inc. has a toehold in the big-shoe business, but it concedes that the most fashionable shoes sell out in larger sizes first. And Anne Klein New York has taken most of its shoes up to size 12, from size 11, in the last two years.

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As many as 10 percent of high-school girls now wear shoes bigger than size 10, according to a 2001 survey by Carol Fry, a professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of California, Los Angeles. But many teen brands don't come in large sizes. Maren Matthias, a recent University of New Hampshire graduate, said finding a size 12 pair of shoes is so hard for her and her basketball teammates that when she finds some, "I'll buy one for a friend too."

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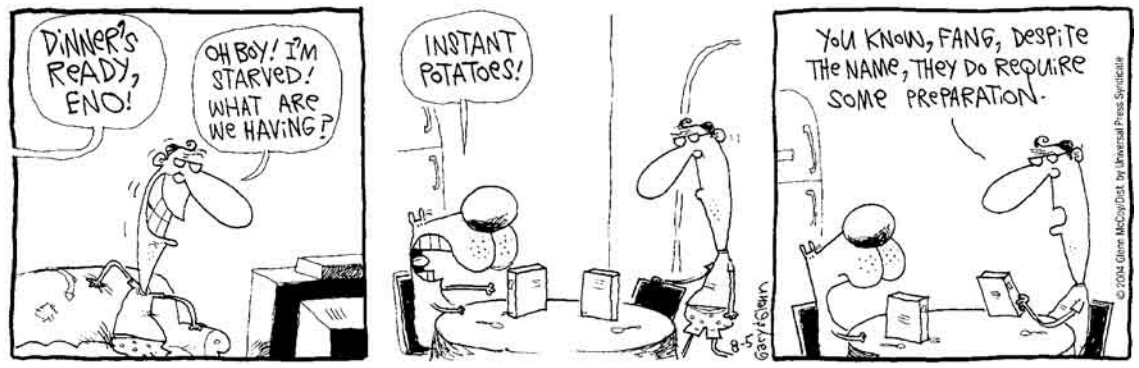

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Letters

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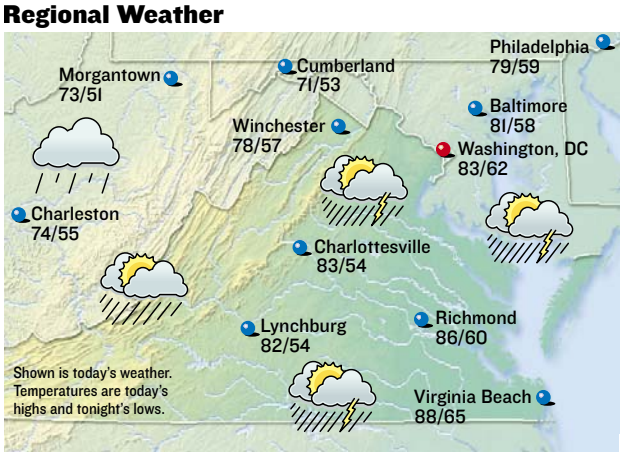

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High	91°
Low	76°
Normal high	88°
Normal low	70°
Average humidity	57%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.49"
Normal month to date	0.44"
Year to date	24.61"
Last year to date	37.97"
Normal year to date	23.37"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see:
washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

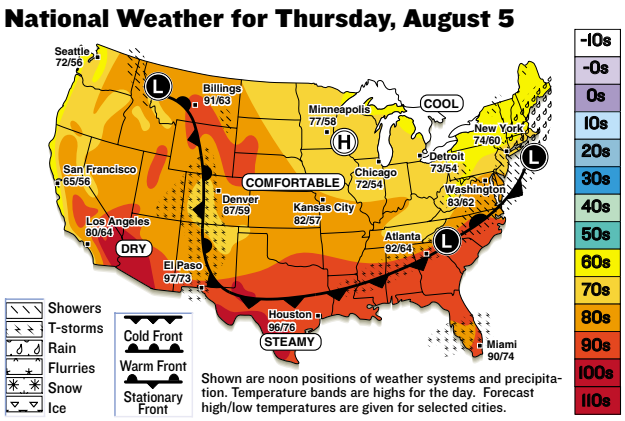
D.C. Metro: Today, drenching showers, thunderstorms in the morning, becoming partly sunny in the afternoon, breezy, lowering humidity. High 83.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:13 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:15 p.m.
Moonrise today	11:11 p.m.
Moonset today	11:33 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Aug 7	Aug 15	Aug 23	Aug 29

National Weather for Thursday, August 5



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	92/64/t	83/61/s
Boston	70/58/r	70/58/sh
Chicago	72/54/s	74/57/s
Dallas	96/72/pc	91/70/pc
Denver	87/59/t	90/60/t
Honolulu	89/76/s	89/77/pc
Los Angeles	80/64/pc	82/64/pc
Miami	90/74/t	90/75/t
New York City	74/60/r	74/60/pc
Orlando	90/75/t	88/70/t
Seattle	72/56/sh	68/56/sh

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	79/73/pc	81/70/c
Athens	89/71/s	90/71/pc
Berlin	87/65/pc	85/65/s
Buenos Aires	59/41/r	49/32/c
Calgary	78/49/pc	70/44/pc
Dublin	69/55/sh	70/57/pc
Geneva	76/57/t	71/59/sh
Moscow	83/58/pc	80/60/s
Rome	84/58/pc	78/60/sh
Sydney	60/39/pc	63/39/s
Tokyo	87/75/t	88/77/t

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

LOOK out

People

STATEMENTS

The Chi Chi Man, However, Is Waiting for His Apology

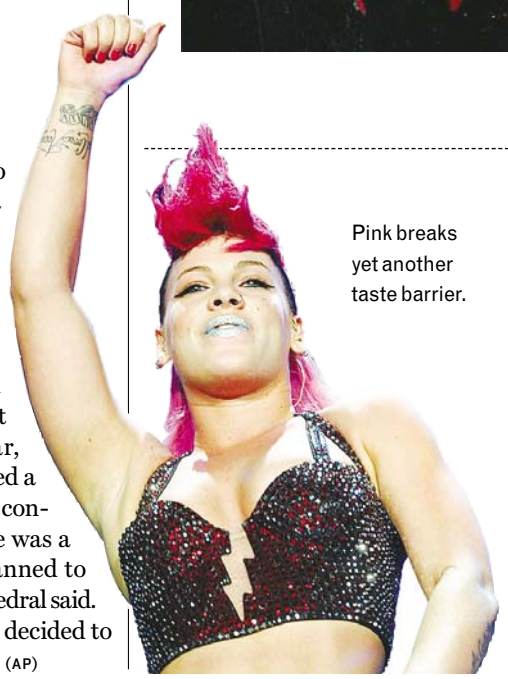
BEENIE MAN apologized on Tuesday for offending people with his lyrics, which critics say incite violence against gays. "I offer my sincerest apologies to those who might have

been offended, threatened or hurt by my songs," he said. Human rights activists noted that some of his songs, such as "Bad Man Chi Chi Man (Bad Man, Queer Man)," could incite violence against gays. The performer had previously defended his lyrics, saying they reflect life the way Caribbean people see it. (AP)

FEAR

Let's Not Get This Party Started

PINK scrapped plans to linger in Prague for a few days after a weekend concert because of security fears after a bomb exploded at a downtown casino on Sunday, promoter Lukas Vedral said Tuesday. The bomb went off under a parked car, injuring 18, and exploded a few hours before Pink's concert. "She heard Prague was a beautiful town and planned to stay for two days here," Vedral said. "But after the blast, she decided to leave after the concert." (AP)



Pink breaks yet another taste barrier.

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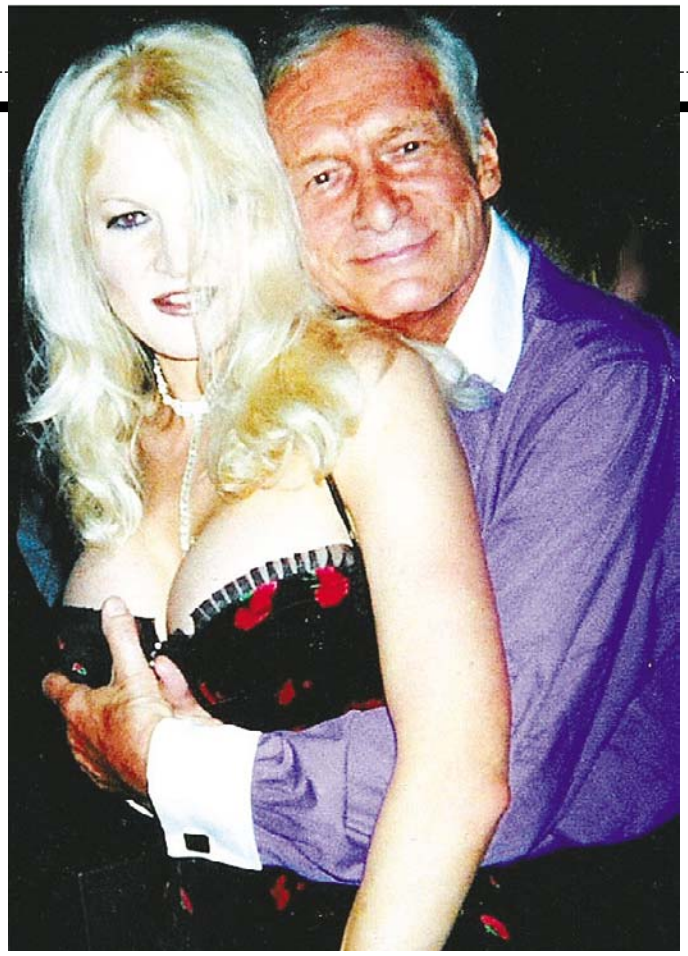

TELL-ALLS

Schlock Broker

So it's like working at Ameritrade, but with more group sex? In her new book, "Jill Ann: Upstairs," former Playmate **JILL ANN SPAULDING** reveals that the Playboy Mansion is no "Barbie's dream house," but "a brokerage house where dangerous sex is traded for stardom." Her memoir promises enough "explicit details" of **HUGH HEFNER**'s sex life to make readers' ears bleed. It's for a good cause, however: She's donating all the book's profits to Prehab.org, a crisis center for battered women and children. (EXPRESS)

LIBERALS

Not Anti-Bush. Anti-Right-Wing Republican Agenda

More than 20 musical acts — including **BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN**, Pearl Jam and the Dixie Chicks — will perform

fund-raising concerts in nine swing states this October in an effort to unseat President Bush. "We're trying to put forward a group of progressive ideals and change the administration in the White House," Springsteen told reporters Wednesday. "That's the success or failure, very clear-cut and very simple." Proceeds from the "Vote for Change" tour will go to America Coming Together, which promises on its Web site to "derail the right-wing Republican agenda by defeating George W. Bush." Tickets will go on sale Aug. 21. (AP)

RECOVERIES

Carmela Closes The Book on Cancer

EDIE FALCO was diagnosed last year with breast cancer, but has completed her treatment and is healthy, a representative for the 41-year-old

Edie Falco knows a thing or two about taking care of her family's enemies.

actress told reporters Wednesday. Falco worked on "The Sopranos" during her treatment, but her representative wouldn't comment on whether she underwent chemotherapy or surgery. She will soon begin rehearsals for Marsha Norman's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "'night, Mother," which will open on Broadway in November. Falco has won three Emmys for her role as Carmela Soprano and has just been nominated for a fourth. (AP)

MISPLACED MOTIVES

It's Not His Hot Bod They Want — It's His Humility

Australian Olympian **IAN THORPE**, 21, is the face of Tourism Australia's new online advertising campaign in Japan, it was announced Wednesday. Tourism spokesman Grieg McAllan expressed hope that Thorpe will win gold medals in Athens to

enhance his profile in Japan. "He's going to be one of the stars of the Games," he said. "He's successful, he's tall, he's good-looking, he's modern and he's optimistic," he added. "But the one factor I think which has most resonance with the Japanese public at all ages and both genders is his humility." (AP)

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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Though you may have lost touch with someone from your past, a distant voice will remind you that you're always together in spirit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You can lead a highly successful charge, despite all the doubting your critics have to offer. Teammates will prove loyal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You needn't be so reserved that you leave others wondering what you're thinking, feeling or doing. There's good reason to let others in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You'll enjoy something unexpected, which brightens your spirit and has you looking forward with greater enthusiasm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Buff up your appearance, and strive to show off only the best of your abilities. There are rewards to be won in this way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Don't give in prematurely. There is a challenge on the horizon, but you have what it takes to prevail.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Follow others, and you'll realize that it's not always necessary to lead or be alone. You can be successful by tagging along.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Now is the time for you to take aggressive action to keep someone else from intruding on your territory. Act fast.

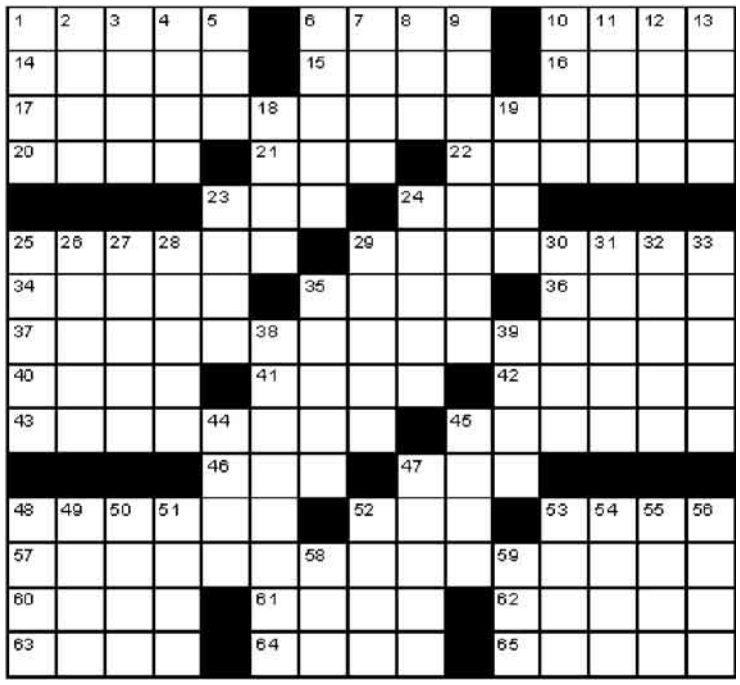
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Thanks to one of your most loyal supporters, you'll be able to avoid something that could have been your downfall. Show your gratitude.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You should not be unsympathetic toward those who are less fortunate than you. Indeed, you can offer valuable help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
It's essential that you respect others, particularly those in positions of authority, by following the rules and being on time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Someone may be out to stop you, but with a little fancy footwork, you should be able to get around any barriers and avoid serious obstacles.

Gotta Go | *Edited by Timothy E. Parker*



ACROSS
1 Doohickey
6 Swedish import
10 Abbr. in a real estate ad
14 Keats title starter
15 "___ boy!"
16 Moreno or Hayworth
17 Ward and June's decision?
20 Carnegie, the educator
21 With 53-Across, a Beatles song
22 More than required
23 Word with blood or dog
24 Start with school
25 Used "th" in place of "s"
29 Do homework when owners are on vacation?
34 "___ nous" (confidentially)
35 Brewer's kiln
36 Opposite of stet
37 Lose one's cool
40 It may be tall
41 Aft
42 Heathen
43 They may travel by butterfly
45 Balance sheet item
46 Brian of rock
47 Ring cheer
48 Bogart's role in Casablanca
52 Caesar's welcome
53 See 21-Across
57 Use up all the alibis
60 "That makes ___ of sense"
61 Neighbor of Turkmenistan
62 Dear, as a price
63 Sandwich staple
64 Pullman and passenger, for two
65 Type of bear

DOWN
1 Type of tooth or chain
2 It comes to mind
3 Enthusiastic devotion
4 Pawn to king's bishop 3, e.g.
5 Only partner
6 Full and satisfied
7 Member of a bar assoc.
8 From ___ Z
9 Yankee legend
10 Bric-a-___
11 Low-class joint
12 66 and others
13 Utopia Plains setting
18 "If ___ a Hammer"
19 Farrow and Gardner, in Sinatra's life
23 "Where's the ___?"
24 Tough question
25 Some turns
26 Nonblood relative
27 Record groove cutters
28 Introduction
29 Punch-line payoff
30 Best and Ferber
31 Marsh plant
32 ___ ease (uncomfortable)
33 High schoolers
35 Alamogordo's county
38 Frantic
39 Church section
44 Computer selection screen
45 Author Haley
47 Many operate on gas
48 Obnoxious young'un
49 Pip
50 Many a lit. author
51 Jot
52 Not nearby
53 Burlap ingredient
54 Secondhand
55 Exploit
56 Catch sight of
58 Man-mouse filler
59 Chicago clock setting

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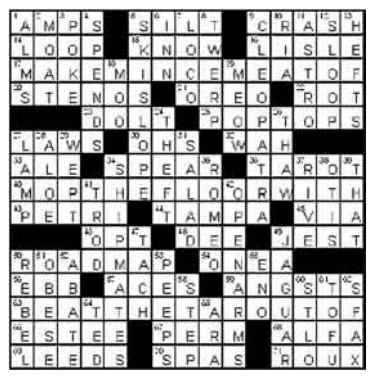

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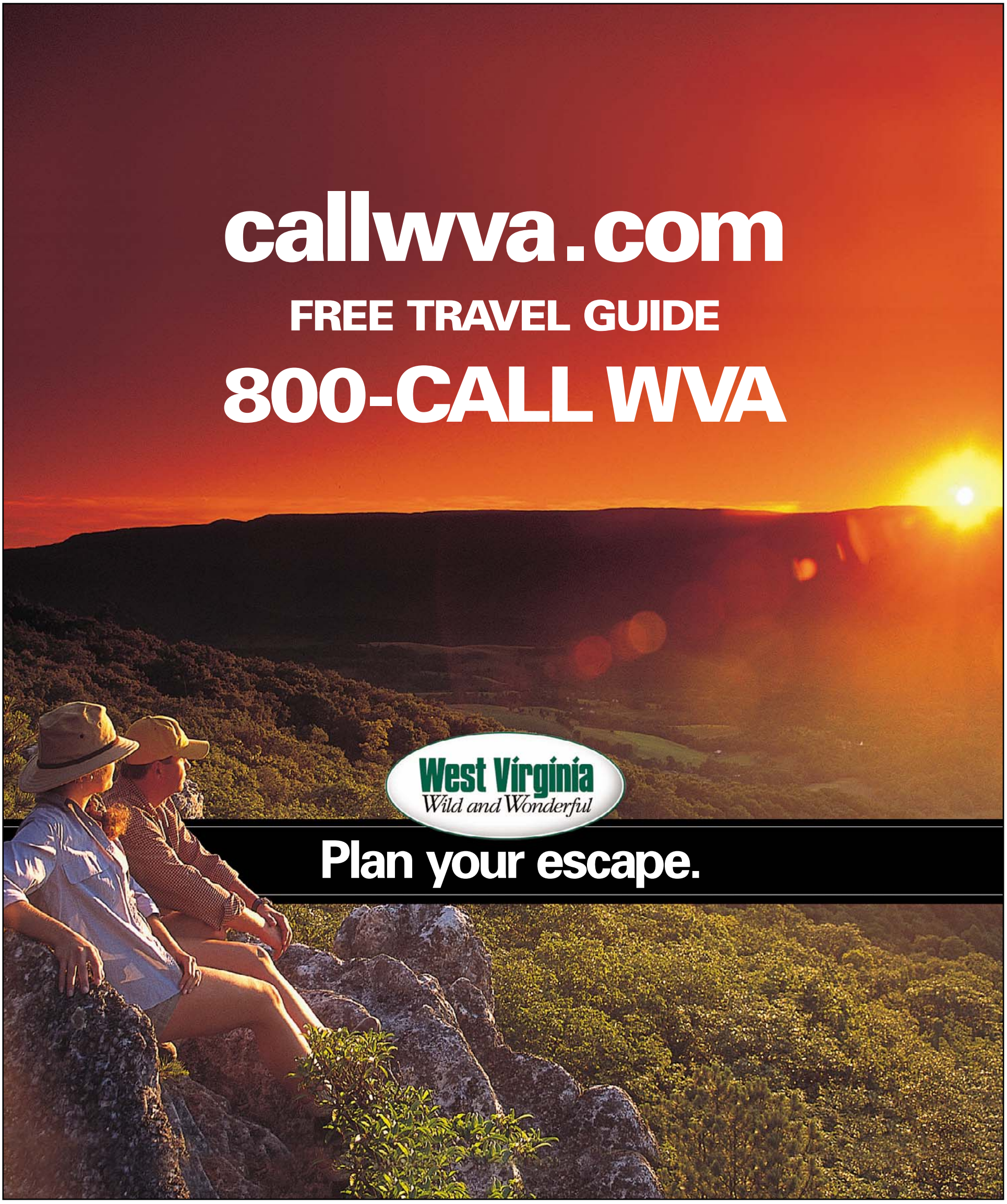
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